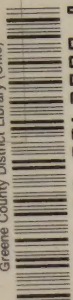
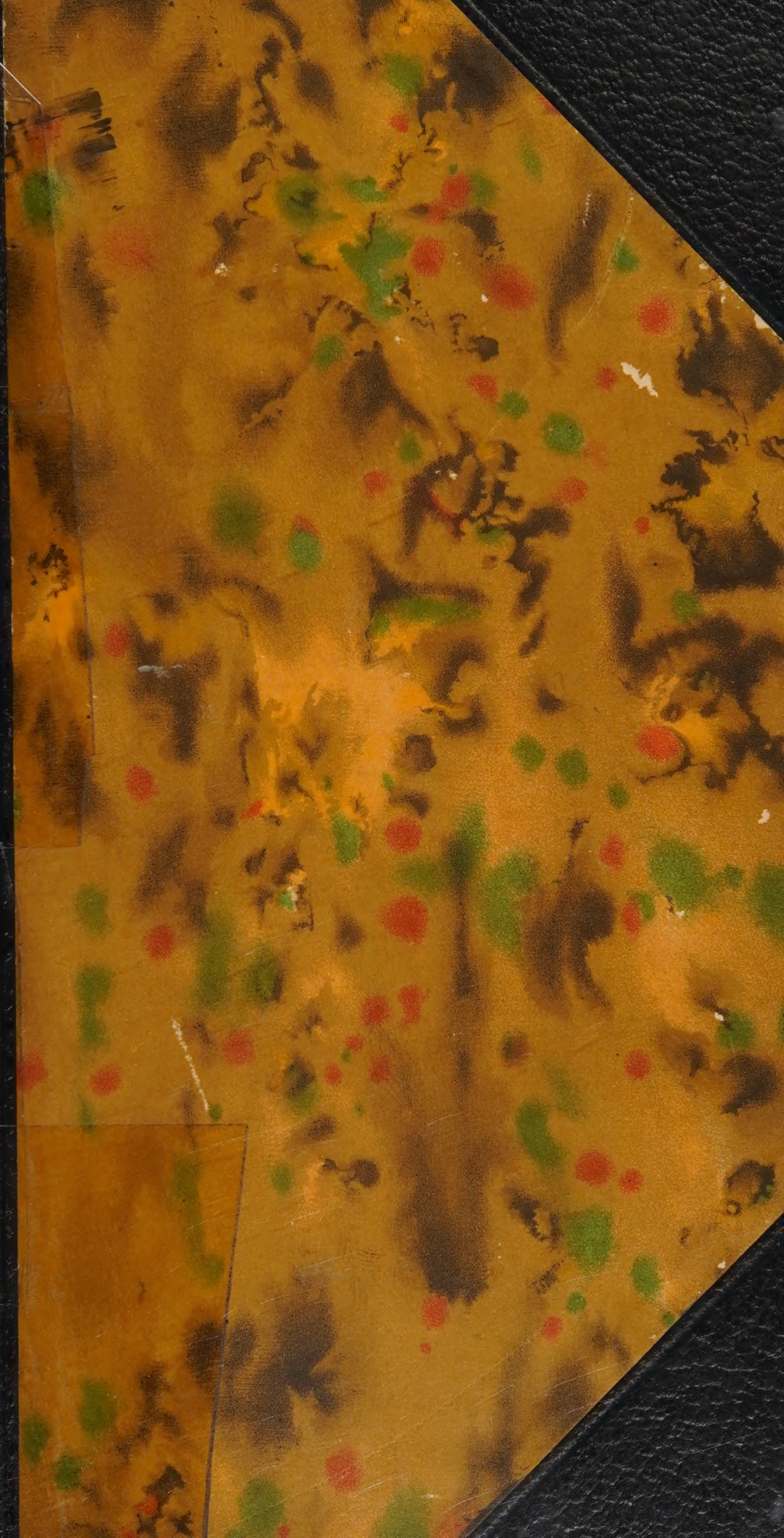
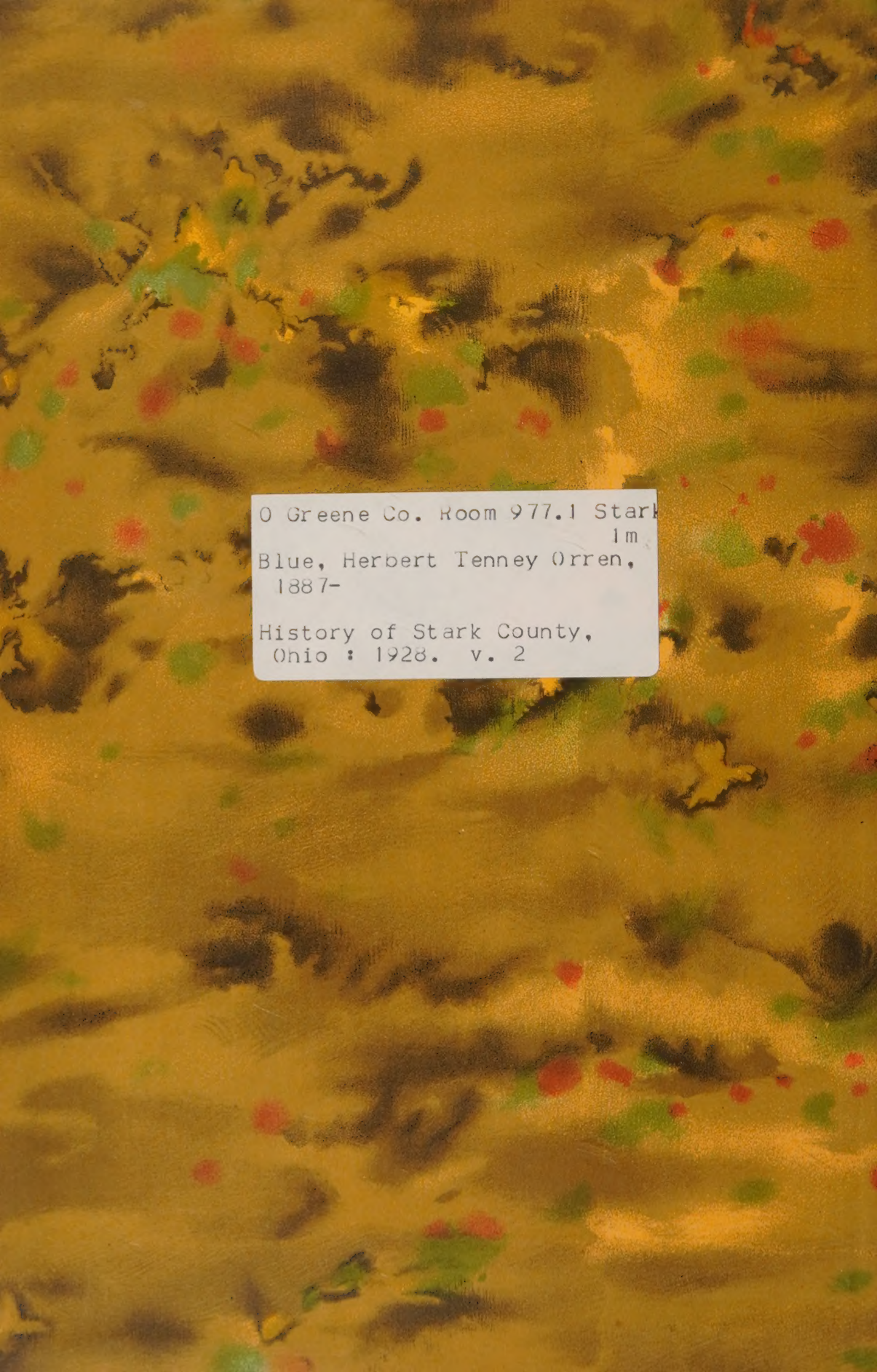


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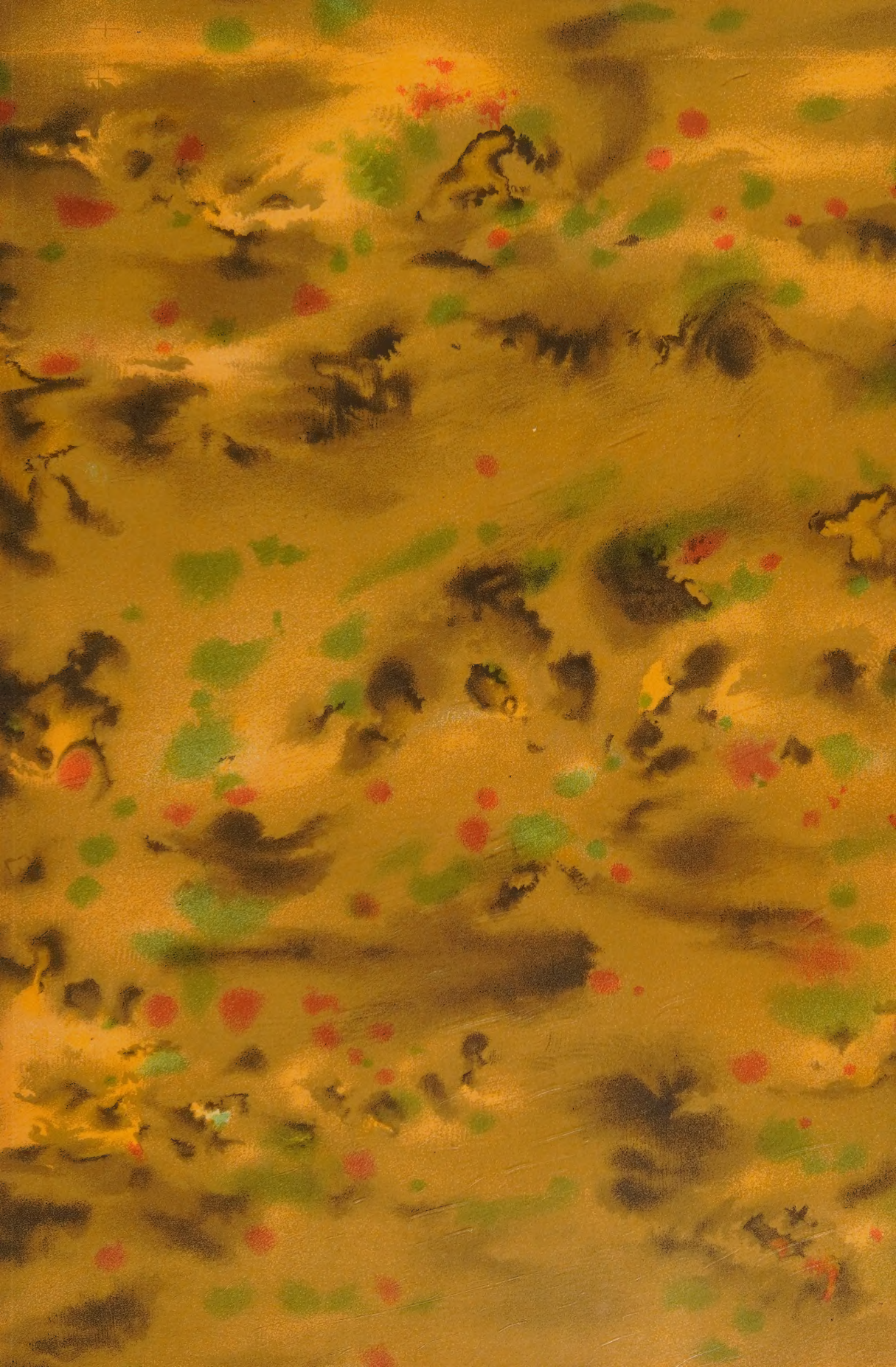
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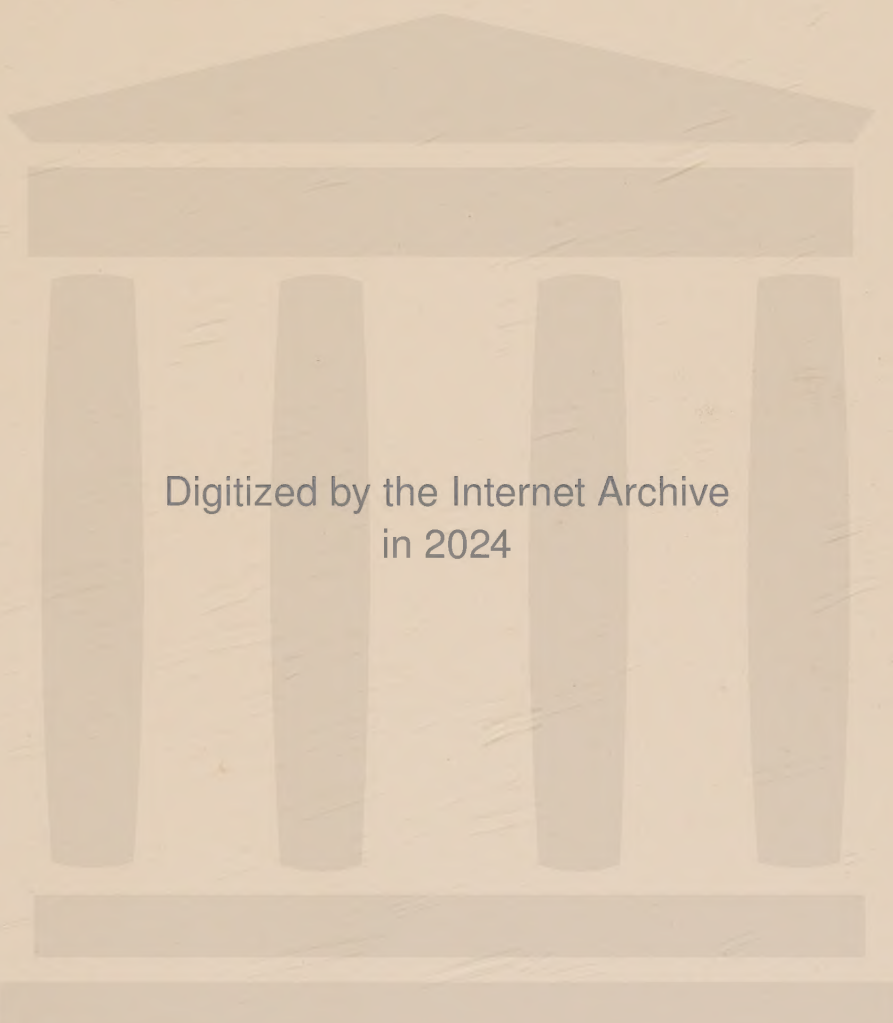


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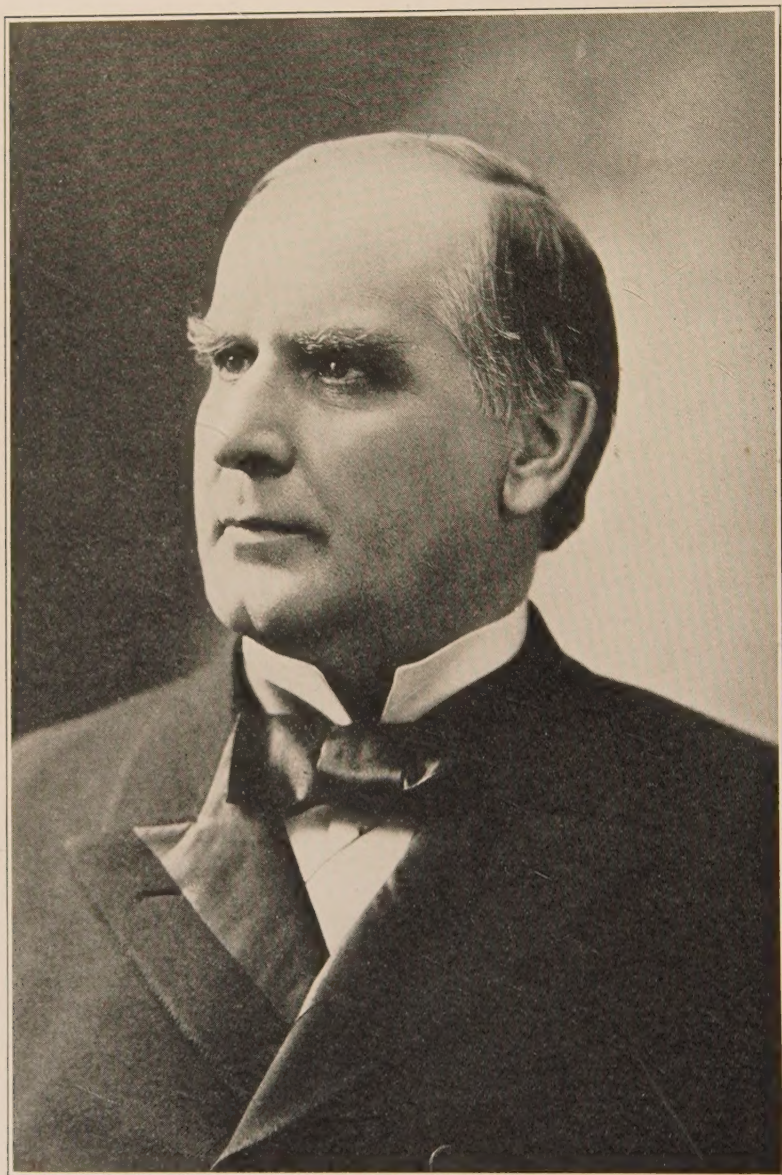
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## WILLIAM McKINLEY

Called to the presidency of the United States in 1897 and giving to his country an administration that in many ways furthered the national welfare, William McKinley maintained his residence during the greater part of his life in Ohio. He was born in Niles, Trumbull county, January 29, 1843, and was the seventh child of William and Nancy (Allison) McKinley. His ancestors came originally from the west of Scotland, whence removal was made to County Antrim, Ireland, and about 1743 two brothers of the name settled in Pennsylvania. The family was established in Ohio when settlement was made by James and Mary (Rose) McKinley, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, their new home being established in New Lisbon, Columbiana county, where the grandfather operated an iron foundry, as he also did at Niles.

His son, William McKinley, Sr., continued in the same line of business in Ohio, in Pennsylvania and in Michigan. In 1852 he removed with his family to Poland, Mahoning county, Ohio, and later William McKinley, his son, entered Union Academy, where he made an excellent scholastic record. At the age of sixteen he became a junior in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, but ill health obliged him to discontinue his studies. Later he taught a district school for a term and was afterwards employed as a clerk in the Poland post office, but following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted June 11, 1861, as a member of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. While going to the front as a private successive promotions followed, making him a sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain, and subsequently he became assistant ad-

jutant general on the staff of General Samuel S. Carroll, commanding the Veteran Reserve Corps at Washington. President Lincoln brevetted him major for gallantry in action March 14, 1865, and on the 26th of July of that year he was mustered out.

At his father's request Major McKinley abandoned his desire of joining the regular army and took up the study of law in Poland. Later he attended the Albany (N. Y.) Law School and in March, 1867, was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice. He was first called to public office as prosecuting attorney for Stark county, serving from 1869 until 1871, and in the following year became well known as a campaign speaker in support of General Grant. He also did active campaign work for Hayes in 1876, and his address before the Union League of Philadelphia caused his services to be in constant demand as a platform speaker. The same year he was elected to congress and was reelected in 1878. Again he was chosen for the office in 1880. Almost immediately he was recognized as a prominent defender of protection, and in 1880 he served on the judiciary committee. He was also made a member of the important ways and means committee and became its chairman in 1890. His congressional record is a matter of history. He was again and again elected to the office and in the fiftieth congress opposed President Cleveland in his policy respecting the tariff. In the republican convention of 1888 he was chairman of the committee on resolutions, having previously served in that position. By this time his prominence had become such that he was mentioned as a possible candidate for presidential honors, but he would not allow his name to be used, as he had pledged his support to John Sherman. His seventh election to congress occurred in 1888 and he was a candidate for speaker in the fifty-first congress, although not elected. He took an active part in promoting measures that enabled the majority to legislate and prevented the blocking of legislation by the minority. On December 17, 1889, he introduced a bill "to simplify the laws in relation to the collection of tariff" and on April 16, 1890, he introduced what became known as the McKinley tariff measure, which became a law October 1, 1890. His influence was a potent force in molding public opinion as well as in shaping national legislation of far-reaching effect and importance. He had much to do with the congressional measures concerning the free coinage of silver and was not only a prominent member of the ways and means committee but also a member of

the committee on the revision of the laws and of expenditures in the post office department.

The year 1891 chronicled Mr. McKinley's election as governor of Ohio and he frankly and fearlessly announced his position, which so won the confidence of the people as to gain for him a large majority at the polls. He was renominated in 1893 and again elected and his administrations largely furthered the progress and welfare of Ohio. In 1892 he was made delegate at large to the republican national convention and, pledging his support to Harrison, he would not allow his name to be used, although he had a considerable following. At the republican convention of 1896 his was one of five names presented and on the first ballot he received six hundred and sixty-one and one-half votes, so that his nomination was at once made unanimous. He took no active part in the campaign otherwise than receiving delegations at his Canton home, and there he expressed himself with clearness and force upon the vital questions and issues of the day, one of which was "sound money." Taking his seat as president of the United States, he surrounded himself with an able corps of cabinet officers. On the 24th of July, 1897, he signed the new tariff measure, known as the Dingley bill, which corrected conditions that had brought about an insufficient revenue for the country from the tariff. Elected on a sound money platform, one of his first acts was to appoint a commission to learn the attitude of the principal countries of Europe upon the question. The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, in speaking of this, said:

"On May 5 the senate rejected the treaty of arbitration with Great Britain, signed at Washington, January 11 by Secretary Olney and Ambassador Pauncefote. On June 6 the congress of Venezuela adopted the terms of a treaty of arbitration with Great Britain for the peaceful settlement of their ten-year dispute over the Guiana boundary, and on June 14 the treaty was ratified at Washington. On June 16 a treaty providing for the annexation of Hawaii was signed by the plenipotentiaries of that republic and was submitted to the senate by the president with a message recommending its ratification. This treaty was ratified unanimously by the Hawaiian senate, September 17, but action on it by the United States congress was deferred until July 7, 1898, when a joint resolution accepting the offered cession and incorporating the ceded territory into the Union was adopted by congress and approved,

and on August 12, 1898, the sovereignty of the islands was formally transferred. On November 8, 1897, a treaty to protect the seals in Behring sea was signed at Washington by representatives of the United States, Russia and Japan. In his annual message, December 5, the president remarked: 'We ought to enter upon a currency revision which will make our demand-obligations less onerous to the government and relieve our financial laws from ambiguity and doubt,' and he recommended that as soon as the receipts of the government were sufficient to pay all its expenses, the United States notes presented for redemption in gold should be kept and set apart and only paid in exchange in gold. Referring to this in his annual message a year later, he observed that in his judgment the condition of the treasury amply justified the enactment of legislation to that end. He also called attention to the need of revision of the existing tariff law. The most important event in President McKinley's first administration was the war with Spain, a war which he had striven earnestly to avert, believing that the independence of Cuba could be brought about by diplomacy. A struggle for independence had been in progress in Cuba since February, 1895, resulting in serious injury to the trade with that island and subjecting the United States government to great expense in its efforts to enforce the neutrality laws; while popular indignation had been greatly excited by the barbarous treatment of the reconcentrados (noncombatant Cubans pent in towns) by Weyler, captain general of the Spanish forces. An offer of mediation, made by President Cleveland in April, 1896, was rejected by Spain and the insurrection continued with increased exasperation on the part of the United States. In his inaugural address President McKinley had recommended that the policy of nonintervention be continued and when, on May 20, 1897, congress passed a joint resolution recognizing the Cubans as belligerents, he withheld his approval. But in January, 1898, Fitzhugh Lee, United States consul general at Havana, Cuba, reported that American interests in that city were endangered, and, in consequence, the Atlantic squadron was ordered to the coast of Florida. Soon after a private letter written by Senor de Lome, Spanish minister to Washington, was published, which characterized President McKinley as 'a low politician,' and there was an increase of indignation in the United States. De Lome resigned; the recall of General Lee was demanded by Spain and was refused. Congress discussed the question of in-

tervention, and then came the tragedy of the blowing up of the battleship Maine, which had been sent to the harbor of Havana the month previous on a 'visit of courtesy,' with the loss of two officers and two hundred and sixty-four men, February 15."

On March 9 President McKinley signed a bill appropriating fifty million dollars for national defense, and on the 11th the war department began the mobilization of the army. The United States minister at Madrid, Stewart L. Woodford, was instructed to demand: first, an armistice until October 1, looking to peace through the offices of President McKinley; second, immediate revocation of the reconcentrado order; third, arbitration by President McKinley if terms of peace were not satisfactorily settled by October 1. The second demand was complied with on March 31; an offer to concede the first was made April 5, and a disposition to concede the third was evident, but the president replied that he could not assume to influence the action of congress. On April 1 congress passed a naval appropriation bill and on the 5th the United States consuls in Cuba were recalled. In a special message on the subject, delivered on the 11th, President McKinley advised against the recognition of the insurgent government, and asked congress to empower him to take measures to secure a final termination of hostilities and the establishment of a stable government in Cuba, stating that he had used every effort to relieve "the intolerable condition of affairs which is at our doors." Congress passed joint resolutions on the 19th, declaring the people of Cuba to be free and independent, and a demand for the relinquishment of authority by Spain and the withdrawal of the Spanish forces to be the duty of our government; empowering the president to use the entire land and naval forces and the militia, if necessary, to carry the resolutions into effect, and disclaiming any intention on the part of the United States to exercise sovereignty or control over the island, except for the pacification thereof. It was signed by the president on April 20 and its contents were cabled, with a formal demand that before noon on the 23d Spain should relinquish authority and government in Cuba and withdraw her forces. Before Minister Woodford could present this ultimatum he received his passports, and as this meant that Spain preferred war rather than grant the demands of the United States, the war practically began April 21.

A proclamation calling for one hundred and twenty-five thousand volunteers was signed by the president April 23d. On April

25 a message recommending a declaration of war was sent by the president to congress and was adopted by both houses unanimously. But Spain was in no condition to oppose so formidable a power as the United States. Her treasury was depleted, her credit gone, her navies ill-manned, her strategy inadequate. The war, consequently, was of short duration, though it was not ended until some bloody battles had been fought. The first capture—that of the Spanish ship Buena Ventura by the Nashville—was made on the 22d; the first bombardment—that of the town and batteries of Matanzas by the New York, Puritan and Cincinnati—occurred on the 27th. From that time until the cessation of hostilities on August 12, President McKinley carried out the program he had formulated as commander-in-chief of the army and navy with a sagacity which led the London Times to observe that he had manifested “the highest measure of statesmanship possible to a chief magistrate acting within the lines of the American constitution.” The appointment to important commands of Generals Wheeler, Fitzhugh Lee and other ex-Confederate officers, increased the president’s popularity and secured the unanimous support of the south, practically unifying the nation for the first time since the Civil war.

Briefly stated, the chief events after the formal declaration of war were: Dewey’s victory at Manila, May 1; the creation of the new military department of the Pacific, including the Philippines, May 16; the president’s second issue of a call for volunteers, seventy-five thousand in number, May 25; the sinking of the *Merimac* by Lieutenant Hobson in the entrance to Santiago harbor June 3; the signing by the president of the war revenue bill June 13; the capture of the Spanish earthworks at El Caney and San Juan, July 1-2; the annihilation of Admiral Cervera’s fleet at Santiago, July 3; the surrender of Santiago, July 17, and of Nipe, Guanica and Ponce, Porto Rico, July 21-28; the requests of the Spanish government through the French ambassador, Cambon, for terms of peace July 26; the formal acceptance by Spain of the president’s terms, August 9; the signing of a peace protocol, August 12, stopping hostilities, and providing for the appointment of commissioners to settle details with reference to Spanish islands in the Pacific, for the withdrawal of the Spanish forces from the West Indies, and for the cession of Porto Rico; the surrender of Manila, August 13; the formal occupation of Porto Rico by United States forces, October 18; the demand of the United States through its

peace commissioners for the Philippine islands, October 31; the signing of the treaty of peace at Paris (one of whose provisions was for the cession of the Philippine islands, for which an indemnity of twenty million dollars was paid), December 10; the signing of the treaty by the president, February 10, 1899, and by the queen regent, March 17; the official exchange of ratifications, and the proclamation of peace by the president, April 11. Later in his administration a treaty of amity, commerce and navigation with Spain was negotiated. The annexation of Hawaii and the changed relation of the United States to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines led the president in his annual message, December 5, 1898, to advocate the prompt adoption of maritime policy by the United States with the newly acquired islands, especially the establishment of regular and frequent steamship communication, encouraged by the United States under the American flag.

Soon after the close of the war with Spain a period of great prosperity began. So extensive was the demand for American cereals and manufacturers that exports exceeded imports, and there was a steady flow of gold into the country. The stock of gold increased to over a quarter of a billion dollars, and all fears of a change in the standard of value were allayed. With this condition of affairs came a revival of business confidence, a buoyant stock market and great commercial and industrial activity. The disposition of the new possessions was a subject of considerable argument. As the war had been undertaken for freedom and humanity, it was argued that the islands should be given over to the inhabitants for self-government; but this course was pronounced difficult and, indeed, impossible by a majority in congress and large numbers of prominent civilians. Cuba and Porto Rico were put under military governors temporarily and General Otis was ordered to extend military government to the whole of the ceded territory in the Philippine islands. Here, however, armed resistance was made to American authority. Aguinaldo had proclaimed himself dictator of the Philippines, and beginning on February 4, when the natives attacked the defences at Manila, there followed two years of desultory fighting. During the spring the southern islands were occupied by American forces. On April 4 the Philippine commission, consisting of President Jacob G. Schurman, Professor Dean C. Worcester, Hon. Charles Denby, Admiral George Dewey and General Elwell S. Otis, issued a proclamation that while enforcing

the supremacy of the United States, the purpose of the government was the welfare and advancement of the people. On July 7 the president called for ten regiments of volunteers to quell the insurrection and in the following November, General Otis reported that the whole of central Luzon was in the hands of the military authorities and that Aguinaldo was a fugitive. The rebellion was prolonged by opponents of the president's policy who encouraged the belief that with a change of administration the islands would be made independent. The reelection of McKinley, followed soon after by the capture of Aguinaldo, entirely disheartened the leaders and practically ended opposition to American rule.

On June 21, 1900, the republican national convention in Philadelphia renominated McKinley and nominated Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, for vice president. In his letter of acceptance, September 8, McKinley invited the sound money forces to join in winning another and, if possible, a permanent triumph for an honest financial system; urged the reduction of taxation very materially, the improvement and enlargement of the merchant marine, the securing of legislation in their several states to restrain monopolies which militate against the public good by suppressing national and ordinary competition. On July 5 the democratic national convention at Kansas City renominated William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, for president and nominated Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, for vice president. Mr. Bryan, in his campaign speeches, gradually made free silver subsidiary to imperialism and militarism, while the republicans insisted that imperialism was simply a fiction created by demagogues. The total popular vote was thirteen million, nine hundred and sixty-nine thousand, seven hundred and seventy, of which McKinley received seven million, two hundred and six thousand, six hundred and seventy-seven. He received two hundred and ninety-two electoral votes and carried twenty-eight states.

On November 12 the president ordered the discontinuance of the military government in Porto Rico and a reduction of the military force in that island. The last session of the fifty-sixth congress began December 3, 1900. In his annual message, the most extended ever written by a president, he urged congress to provide whatever legislation might be necessary to insure the continued parity under all conditions between the two forms of metallic money, gold and silver; he repeated the recommendation in his

last annual message of necessity for early action to remedy such evils as might be found to exist in connection with combinations of capital organized into trusts, and he suggested that whatever legislation might be enacted in respect to the Philippine islands should be "In the interest of humanity and with the aim of building up an enduring self-supporting and self-administering community in those far-off eastern seas."

On March 1 the army appropriation bill was passed, carrying with it several riders, one of which prescribed the relations which Cuba should bear to the United States, upon the acceptance of which the president was authorized to leave the island to administer its own affairs. Another amendment, the Spooner bill, provided that all military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the Philippine islands should be vested in the president and his appointees until otherwise provided by congress. In his annual message of 1898 the president urged definite action by congress during the coming session if a practicable waterway was to be accomplished. Two commissions had reported in favor of the Nicaragua route and on June 2 the house passed the Hepburn bill for the construction of a canal across Nicaragua under the control, management and ownership of the United States. In December what is known as the Hay-Pauncefote treaty came before the senate for final action. On February 5, 1900, President McKinley transmitted to the senate a convention signed on that day by Secretary Hay and Ambassador Pauncefote, the plenipotentiaries of the United States and Great Britain, "to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and to remove any objections which might arise out of the convention of April 19, 1850, commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, to the construction of such canal under the auspices of the government of the United States." On December 20 the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, in amended form, was ratified by the senate.

On March 4, 1901, President McKinley began his second term, being the first president since General Grant to succeed himself. He requested the members of his cabinet to retain their portfolios and that body remained unchanged until April, when Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, succeeded Attorney General Briggs. When the subject of his renomination for a third term was brought up the president suppressed the discussion in an address.

While chief executive, President McKinley traveled more ex-

tensively than any of his predecessors. He wished to meet the people and get their point of view. During his political and other travels he made speeches in every state from Maine to North Dakota and from Minnesota to Florida. His most important trips made since his accession to the presidency were a visit to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in 1898, a tour of the southern states in the same year, and a western tour in the spring of 1901, when he was accompanied by his wife and many members of the cabinet. On September 5, 1901, at the exposition in Buffalo, the president delivered an impressive address in which he outlined a new national program in the line of reciprocity and free trade, and so broad and generous was its scope that it disarmed even partisan opposition.

The approbation of the nation which followed this gospel of commercial amity had hardly died away when the whole world was stunned by an attack on the president's life the day following. While holding a public reception on the afternoon of Friday, September 6, in the Temple of Music, he was shot twice by Leon Czolgosz, an anarchist, who was standing in line to shake the president's hand and had concealed a revolver in his right hand under a handkerchief. One of the bullets was easily removed; the other, penetrating the stomach, was lodged in the muscles of the back. His recovery was at first almost assured but at the end of a week he grew rapidly worse and succumbed to the wound. His last words were: "It is God's way; His will be done, not ours."

Throughout the whole civilized world the news of the attack on the president was received with deepest concern and sorrow. His death brought forth unparalleled expressions of sympathy and goodwill from almost every foreign nation, and memorial services were held generally throughout Great Britain, France, Germany and other countries. The remains were removed to the capitol at Washington on September 16 and all along the way there was a pathetic demonstration of the sorrow of the people. Bells were tolled; hymns were sung by choral societies; flowers were strewn upon the railway track, and for four hundred and fifty miles the train ran between two lines of citizens standing with bared heads. Impressive funeral services were held in the capitol, after which the body was removed to Canton, Ohio, for burial, the interment taking place at West Lawn cemetery. The day of the funeral was observed generally throughout the United States as a day of

mourning. The murderer was given a prompt trial and paid the death penalty for his crime.

President McKinley was a man of fine physique and strong constitution and was said to resemble Daniel Webster in personal appearance, as well as in the simplicity, style and delivery of his addresses and their lofty and disinterested patriotism. He was quiet, dignified and considerate of others, the last probably due to long years of tender and unremitting care for his invalid wife, from whom he was hardly ever absent, even for a day. He was true as steel to his friends, of whom he had more than any other man who had been in American public life. He was unwavering in his integrity, full of tact in overcoming opposition, with a heart full of sympathy for those who toil, and with a private life as spotless as self-sacrificing.

In 1898 the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon President McKinley by Yale University and by the University of Chicago. He was married at Canton, Ohio, January 25, 1871, to Ida, daughter of James Saxton, a banker, and had two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. He died in Buffalo, New York, September 14, 1901.

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### IDA (SAXTON) MCKINLEY

Ida (Saxton) McKinley, the wife of William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, was born June 8, 1847, in Canton, Ohio, her parents being James A. and Catherine (Demalt) Saxton. Her grandfather, John Saxton, removed from Huntington, Pennsylvania, his native town, to Canton in 1815 and for fifty-six years was editor of the Stark County Repository, which he founded.

In the pursuit of her education Ida Saxton attended the public schools of Cleveland and was a student at Brook Hall Seminary in Media, Pennsylvania. Her delicate health caused her to put aside her textbooks at the age of seventeen years but her father, who believed in a business education for women, influenced her to serve as cashier for a time in his bank. Following her return from Europe she entered society but found church and charitable work much more to her liking. On the 25th of January, 1871, she became

the wife of William McKinley and their greatest sorrow came in the loss of their two daughters, Kate and Ida.

The condition of her health debarred Mrs. McKinley from appearing in public while her husband was governor but later she accompanied him to Washington, following his election to congress, and frequently presided at the White House during the administration of President Hayes when Mrs. Hayes, her intimate friend, was absent. The devotion of President McKinley to his wife was one of the outstanding features of his life, and he often did much of his writing in her room in order to be near her. Following her husband's assassination she returned to Canton and there passed away May 26, 1907. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church in early womanhood and afterwards became a member of the Methodist church.

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#### WILLIAM A. LYNCH

William A. Lynch was born at Canton, Ohio, August 4, 1844, and died on February 6, 1907. His father, Arnold Lynch, was a man of good education and mental attainments. He was a surveyor by profession and had been connected with the construction of important public works, notably the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad, afterward called the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, as is manifest from the fact that he had been elected to, and had filled, the office of county surveyor and county recorder. He died December 20, 1857, when William was but thirteen years of age. William A. Lynch's mother was Frances Horan Lynch, who, it is said by her intimate acquaintances, was a woman of unusual mental qualities and character, well versed in historical matters and with a marked taste for literature. Both parents were natives of Ireland, coming to this country in their early years.

William A. Lynch received his early and only education in the Canton common schools, graduating from the high school at the early age of sixteen years. Immediately thereafter he entered the law office of the late Louis Schaefer, who then had an extensive general law practice, involving commercial law and much litigation. Mr. Lynch soon mastered the details of the law office, and on



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arriving at his majority was well equipped to commence a general law practice. He was admitted to the bar September 1, 1865, and at once formed a partnership with Louis Schaefer, the firm being known as Schaefer & Lynch. Shortly thereafter he entered the field of politics and in the fall of 1866 he was elected prosecuting attorney, defeating General Charles F. Manderson in the contest, which office he held in 1867 and 1868, when he was defeated for re-election by William McKinley, but in 1870 he was again elected prosecutor, defeating William McKinley, and he served with distinction in the years 1871 and 1872. From 1867 to 1874 he filled the office of city solicitor of Canton. During that period Canton was emerging from village to city, and extensive street improvements and a water works system were being projected, which gave rise to much litigation. The doctrine of "anticipation of a reasonable grade" had not yet been adopted by our supreme court. The adoption of this rule contended for by Mr. Lynch ended all the pending litigation over establishment of grades.

The partnership with Mr. Schaefer continued about five years, at the end of which time Mr. Lynch retired from the firm and continued the practice of law alone until 1872, when William R. Day came to Canton from Ravenna and the firm of Lynch & Day was formed. In 1878 Austin Lynch, his brother, on coming to the bar, was taken into the firm, which continued as Lynch, Day & Lynch, until 1882, when William A. Lynch, becoming largely interested in railroad projects, retired from the firm and from the general legal practice, except that for about one year thereafter he maintained an office in Cleveland, Ohio. To his efforts Canton is largely indebted for the location of the Connotton Valley Railroad, now the Wheeling & Lake Erie. He was also one of the projectors, and the main factor, in the organization and building of the P. A. & W. Railroad. He also became interested in the street car system at Canton, and it was under his management that the lines were changed from the old narrow gauge and electric power applied. He also extended the lines to Massillon and Navarre, and established the system at Massillon.

On the failure of C. Aultman & Company, in 1892, he was appointed receiver of its assets and in 1894 effected a reorganization of that concern under the name of The Aultman Company. He and H. C. Fogle, Hon. J. W. Underhill and A. J. Underhill were also the owners of the Canton Heat, Light & Power Company, and

continued to operate the same as long as Mr. Lynch was at the head of the street car system. On the dissolution of The Aultman Company in 1904 Mr. Lynch opened an office in The Courtland, Canton, Ohio, and returned to the active practice of law. It may be said that at no time from 1882 down to 1904 did he wholly withdraw from practice, but was from time to time employed in special cases, and gave much time and attention to important legal questions involving large financial interests, notably in the case of Corrigan vs. Rockefeller, he was one of three referees, and sat in New York city in the year 1899.

Mr. Lynch was married in 1874 to Eliza Ruth Underhill, a daughter of the late Hon. J. W. Underhill, who, with three daughters, survived him.

On the adoption of the municipal code, he was elected as a councilman at large, a position he did not consider beneath his merits, as he was ever ready and willing to contribute his time and energy for the general good and the welfare of his fellow citizens. He also served as a member of the construction committee for the building of the new Auditorium. He was an active member of the Canton Board of Trade from its organization and served several years as its president, and was, until the time of his death, an active member.

On the death of William McKinley, it is believed he was among the first, if not the very first, to suggest the erection at Canton of a monument to his memory. He was chosen as a member of the board of trustees of the Monument Association and continued his active interest therein to the end of his life. Indeed it may be said that during his whole life he gave cheerfully and earnestly of his time, his talents and his means to every plan and project having for its object the advancement of his native city and the welfare of his fellowmen.

It remains to speak of him as a lawyer and as a man. It is not obvious what all of us were born for. Without exaggeration, it may be said of William A. Lynch that he was a born lawyer. His way was clear. In the meagerness of his educational advantages, his example is not unlike that of John Marshall. But this made little difference. It is impossible to conceive that a collegiate education and a law school training could have added anything to his powers and abilities as a lawyer or further refined his susceptibilities or enhanced his culture and universal and accurate informa-

tion. In short, he was gifted by nature with what, in most men, is acquisition. It is said that while in his teens he could repeat from memory long passages from Blackstone. He had the faculty of absorbing the principles of the law, making it a very part of his life. He seems to have been an able and mature lawyer upon his admission to the bar, for at the age of twenty-three he was trying important suits in the common pleas court against such distinguished counsel as Judge Laubie and J. T. Brooks, which important litigation, by him begun at that time, he followed with great ability to the supreme court of Ohio. In fact from the date of his admission to the bar he was engaged in almost all the important litigation in the county until his work became subsequently specialized and absorbed in other enterprises. In his early and youthful career he had the approbation and admiration and was an example for all the aspiring young men of the county. His entire career, together with that of his illustrious friend William McKinley, were both signalized by the utmost purity and refinement, scrupulous dignity, in manner, in language, in thought and in ambition. Both were remarkable and striking in personal appearance, inseparable in life and not divided in death.

It may be said without violence or hurt to any man, he was the peer of any lawyer who ever practiced at the Stark county bar, and after his return to practice the most distinguished member of that bar, indeed, Canton's foremost citizen. He was a masterful lawyer. It would be difficult to name a single weakness or defect in his conduct of a cause, although it is easy to characterize many of the elements which made him a great lawyer. Most notable among these elements was his wonderfully lucid, comprehensive and exhaustive power of statement, which he possessed in so extraordinary degree as to distinguish him among his peers and among the most eminent lawyers of his time. He had that genius which Edmund Burke said "is the prodigious capacity for hard work." But those who knew him best will agree that it did not seem to be work with him. His standards of pleasure were different from most men; the investigation of intricate questions of law, great constitutional, historical, financial and economic questions, gave him the widest and profoundest delight. Having this rare gift of genius and possessed at the same time of a great and commanding intellect, fine susceptibilities, love for humanity, and, withal, a deeply religious nature, he became a student, first of the law, his

chosen profession, and secondly of the great and mighty avenues of thought and activity which the study of law opens up to every rightly constituted mind.

In the practice of law he never took a mean advantage; he stood not on mere technicalities, and always gave his reason and authority for every step, and when convinced that he had reason and authority and common sense behind him, he was fearless in maintaining his position; and always won respect by sheer force of his commanding reason and personality. He was generous and kindly to friend and foe alike. He spoke of men and things without malice, without envy and without fear, but with a disposition and motive fruitful and friendly for all human kind. No one ever heard him appealing to prejudice; he was not revengeful; cherished no wrong. He never advised men precipitately into litigation, but first used his energy to compromise, to settle, to adjust. With him the practice of law was a profession, hedged about with proprieties and courtesies, rigidly to be adhered to and which distinguished it from a mere trade.

But he was more than a great lawyer. He was a great man, a great thinker, a great scholar with a great and statesmanlike mind. In addition to his profound knowledge of the law, he possessed a great fund of universal information. He was familiar with the constitutional history of England and his own country. He had an exhaustive knowledge of Ireland, Japan and recently of Russia, in which he was intensely interested. He loved to advert to Sir Henry Maine's "Ancient Laws." He had a technical knowledge of electricity and its appliances; he was familiar with the laws of physics as applied mathematically. He knew all the biography of the formative period of American history. He had made a profound study of the laws of finance and monetary science.

He was an ardent Catholic, familiar with the varying history and progress of that great church, and proud of its historic grandeur. He was also most just and tolerant, and approved and revered truth and virtue in all men and in all things, and saw and judged all the great historic questions involved in the reformation and counter-reformation, dispassionately, as they appeared in historic perspective. He was, therefore, a man of broad and catholic sympathy, charitable, easy of approach, a charming companion, witty and entertaining. His domestic life and character were touchingly beautiful and ideal.

He still remains and long will continue to remain the ideal lawyer, citizen and friend, and serves to convince us all, more and more, that our institutions, our country, our state, our county, the community in which we live, are to be measured by the product of their full orbbed, well rounded, symmetrical ideal men, such as William A. Lynch; that we can well spare great commercial enterprises, if need be, wealth and luxuries, rather than we can spare from our lives and from the history of our state and our community the inspiring and ennobling influence of William A. Lynch. Death, resulting from a heart attack, came to Mr. Lynch with great suddenness, while engaged at Lisbon, Ohio, in the trial of an important case.

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### JAMES HARVEY ROBERTSON

One of the most familiar names in legal circles of Stark county for three decades has been that of James Harvey Robertson, whose ability and success have given him distinctive prestige in his profession. Weight of character, learning, native sagacity and fidelity of purpose are so combined in him as to command to a marked degree the public confidence and he is widely recognized as one of Canton's leading lawyers and representative citizens. Mr. Robertson was born in Sandy township, Stark county, Ohio, on the 23d of January, 1862, and is a son of James and Margaret (Sickafoose) Robertson. His father, who was born in Stark county, September 22, 1821, was a son of Denny and Eleanor (McConkey) Robertson, who were natives of the parish of Ardstraw, county Tyrone, Ireland, whence they came to Stark county in 1816. Denny Robertson was a son of William and Margaret (Denny) Robertson, the name of Denny having appeared through seven generations of the family. The earliest record of the name relates to John Denny, who fought under Henry V in the battle of Agincourt, in 1415, and there lost his life, his remains being interred in the chapel of St. Dionys. This John Denny was the first of the name to migrate to England and the Denny family went to Ireland at the time of the Transplantation.

James Robertson followed farming, was a republican in his political alignment and took an active part in local public affairs, hav-

ing served several terms as township trustee. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving with Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His death occurred in June, 1900, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. Margaret Sickafoose was born in Sandy township, Stark county, in April, 1829, and was the youngest of the twelve children born to George and Margaret (Wagner) Sickafoose. The progenitor of the Ziegenfus family in America was Johann Jacob Ziegenfus (as the name was originally spelled), a native of the Rhine provinces of Germany, who came as an emigrant on the ship "Brothers" in 1751 and settled in Pennsylvania. Among his descendants was Jacob Ziegenfus, who served in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, militia in Captain Daniel Good's company. He was the father of George Sickafoose, father of Mrs. Robertson. Mr. Sickafoose was a veteran of the war of 1812, having served in John B. Alexander's independent battalion of Westmoreland county militia, with which he took part in the siege of Fort Mifflin. To James and Margaret Robertson were born eleven children, of whom four died in infancy, and the others, still living, are: Laura Virginia is the widow of Jacob Buchman; Margaret Eleanor, wife of John A. McBeth; Denny L.; James H.; Andrew, Mary and Carrie B.

James H. Robertson attended the public schools of Sandy township and the normal schools at East Sparta and Smithville, where he completed his studies. He taught school to defray his expenses in the normal schools, as he was determined to be independent of any financial aid, and after finishing his studies continued to teach for eight years. In 1890 Mr. Robertson entered the law offices of Harter & Krichbaum, leading attorneys of Canton, under whom he studied law, and in 1891 passed the examination for entrance to the senior year in the Law School of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1892. In the fall of that year he entered upon the practice of his profession in Canton and has been so engaged to the present time. A man of keen mentality, of the highest sense of honor and with deep appreciation of the service he is able to render to his fellowmen, he has always brought to the discharge of every duty a determination to give his best efforts, and in his relations with his clients his counsels have been wise, his judgment sound and his integrity above reproach, so

that he has well earned the exalted place which he holds in public esteem.

On October 7, 1899, in Canton, Mr. Robertson was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Shaffer, who was born in Washington, Stark county, and is a daughter of Jacob F. and Mary (Reese) Shaffer, who were pioneer settlers in their community. In his political faith, Mr. Robertson is a republican, and served as mayor of Canton for two terms, from 1899 to 1903, but in recent years has been only moderately active in public affairs. During the world war he was chairman of the legal advisory board of the local draft board, Division No. 1, Canton, and chairman of the county legal committee for soldiers and sailors, and made final report on investigation of Red Cross applicants, for the division of northern Ohio. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Canton, and belongs to Buckeye Lodge, No. 11, K. P.; Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E.; and Canton Council, No. 55, J. O. U. A. M. Mr. Robertson finds his pleasure in the company of his friends and the reading of good books. He is a constant student of history, on which subject he is considered an authority, particularly local history. A man of strong character and marked individuality, he has maintained a sincere interest in the public welfare and has in every possible way contributed to the advancement and progress of his city and county.

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#### HON. ABRAM W. AGLER

Hon. Abram W. Agler, judge of the common pleas court of Stark county and recognized as an honored representative of the bench and bar of Ohio, was born at Wilmot, this state, April 13, 1873. His birthplace was the old family farmstead on which also occurred the birth of his father and his grandfather and which was the home of his great-great-grandfather, William Agler, who became the founder of the family in Stark county. Removing to this state from Pennsylvania, he took up government land at Wilmot, in Sugar Creek township, and the farm has continuously remained in possession of the family to the present time, when it is the property of Abram Wilhelm Agler. The great-great-grandfather, William Agler, saw active service with the American army under

General William Henry Harrison. His son, Peter Agler, the great-grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but more than a century ago took up his abode in Stark county. The grandfather, George Agler, was a child when in 1808 the family home was established on the farm previously mentioned. In 1832 he wedded Eve Wyandt, daughter of Henry Wyandt, who had acquired government land where the village of Wilmot now stands and was among those who platted the hamlet. William H. H. Agler, father of the judge, was born on the old homestead December 21, 1840, and spent his entire life upon that farm, devoting his attention to its cultivation with the exception of the period of three years in which he rendered active service to the Union cause as a member of Company F of the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In 1869 he wedded Mary Jane Wilhelm, who was born at Wilmot, November 10, 1849, a daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Gilbert) Wilhelm and a granddaughter of Henry Gilbert, one of the honored pioneer settlers of Stark county, who came to this state from Pennsylvania and was one of the original school teachers in this section. He was also widely known as an astronomer and mathematician and with a goose-quill pen he compiled a hundred-year almanac, presenting all the phases of the moon, eclipses and other prognostications from 1840 to 1900, all of which proved astronomically correct. This document is now a prized possession of Dr. O. C. Ricksecker, of Wilmot. It was his granddaughter who became the wife of William H. H. Agler and they maintained their residence on the old home farm and adhered to the faith of the Church of the Disciples, with which the Agler family was identified through several generations.

Where his ancestors had lived through several generations Abram W. Agler was reared, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He attended the rural schools of the neighborhood and for three years was a student in Mount Union College. He entered the Ohio State University for the study of law and was graduated therefrom in 1897. On the 23d of May of the same year he passed the required bar examination and entered upon the practice of law in Canton, where he made steady progress, although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow. His ability to cope with intricate law problems was soon manifest and he gave his attention to the interests of his clients until 1908,

when he was elected clerk of the courts of Stark county. That he proved capable and efficient in that connection was indicated by his reelection in 1910, so that his term of service covered four years. He then resumed private practice and was accorded a liberal and important clientage up to the time when he went upon the bench as judge of the common pleas court on the 1st of January, 1923, following the resignation of the Hon. Robert H. Day, who had been made a supreme court judge of Ohio. Judge Agler has now served for more than four years of his six years' term and his opinions have been the exposition of clear thinking, logical reasoning and correct deductions. He is also a director of the Home Builders Association but has confined his attention largely to his professional interests. However, as previously stated, he is the owner of the old homestead farm and takes great pride in its appearance. He finds his chief diversion in visiting this farm and his greatest pleasure in the cultivation of his twelve-acre orchard, which is one of the outstanding orchards of this section of the state. His property holdings include his attractive residence at 835 High avenue, northwest, which he has occupied for many years.

At Wilmot, on the 16th of June, 1904, Judge Agler was married to Miss Lyda M. Deal, who was born in Tuscarawas county, a daughter of John and Anna (Kohr) Deal, whose ancestors came from Pennsylvania and cast in their lot with the earliest settlers of Ohio, taking part in its pioneer development. Both families were of German lineage. Judge and Mrs. Agler are widely known in Canton, where the hospitality of the best homes is accorded them. He belongs to Canton Lodge No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; to Lily Lodge No. 362, K. P.; the Elks; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Sons of Veterans and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, while for more than forty years he has been identified with the Grange and is now a member of Robertsville Grange. He is an officer in the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Ohio. During the World war he served on the draft board and was also active in promoting other war measures. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he served as chairman of the Stark county central committee from 1901 until 1903, while through several municipal campaigns he served as chairman of the city committee. He believes that every individual should exercise his right of franchise and at no time has Judge Agler ever neglected his duties of citizenship. In the path of his profession he

is identified with the Stark County, Ohio State and American Bar Associations and no one has been more careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics. His labors in the field of legal procedure have been varied in scope and character and the results which he has achieved have given him high rank among the able lawyers, while his course on the bench makes him a prominent and worthy representative of the Stark county judiciary.

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### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WEYBRECHT

In nearly every community have lived individuals who by their innate ability and sheer force of character have won for themselves conspicuous places in public esteem. Such a man was the late Benjamin Franklin Weybrecht, who for many years was intimately identified with the business and civic interests of Alliance, and whose career as a progressive man of affairs was synonymous with all that was honorable and upright in citizenship. For nearly a half century he was connected with the well known lumber firm of J. T. Weybrecht's Sons Company, of which for a long period he was the active manager, and his entire career was marked by a fidelity and loyalty to every interest with which he was identified that won for him the confidence and unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

Mr. Weybrecht was born in Alliance on the 17th of March, 1861, and was a son of John Theobald and Margaret (Honaker) Weybrecht. His father was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, January 27, 1829, and died in Alliance, January 31, 1895. He came to the United States in 1852 with the intention of taking up his abode in Chicago, but en route he stopped at Alliance, which he found a place of such varied activities and interests that he located here and continued to reside here throughout the remainder of his life. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that vocation until 1856, when he established the first lumberyard in Alliance. This proved a successful venture and he soon built up a flourishing business. He also engaged extensively in the contracting business and erected every schoolhouse in Alliance during his active career, as well as many prominent business structures and residences. He began business under the name of J. T. Weybrecht, which was later changed to J. T. Weybrecht's Sons, and subsequently became



*Ben. F. Weybrecht.*



J. T. Weybrecht's Sons Company. He was president and a director of the Home and Loan Building Company. He was broad and tolerant in his religious views and gave financial support to all denominations. He was a democrat in his political affiliation and took a deep interest in public affairs. His wife was born June 27, 1833, near Alliance, and her death occurred in this city, June 15, 1911. She was a daughter of Christopher Honaker, a native of Germany and a pioneer farmer in Stark county.

Benjamin F. Weybrecht, the fourth child of John Theobald and Margaret (Honaker) Weybrecht, attended the public schools of Alliance and completed his classical education at Mount Union College. In 1878, when seventeen years of age, he became associated with his father in the lumber business, in which he received thorough training in both lumber and mill operations. In 1890 he was admitted to a partnership in the business, of which he became manager after his father's death, and for a number of years was president of J. T. Weybrecht's Sons Company, which is the oldest lumber firm in Alliance, having been in continuous existence for seventy-three years. Up to the time of his death, which occurred April 24, 1926, he devoted himself indefatigably to the interests of the business, which under his management enjoyed a marked prosperity. He was also interested in other local concerns, having been president of the Alliance Clay Product Company, vice president of the City Savings Bank & Trust Company, vice president of the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company of Mansfield, Ohio, and a director in many other corporations.

On December 24, 1885, in Alliance, Mr. Weybrecht was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Peterson, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1863, and is a daughter of John A. and Millicent (Carline) Peterson. Her father was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1834, and died in Alliance, Ohio, March 30, 1876. He had learned the tailor's trade in his native land and at one time owned a tailor shop in Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1844, and died in Alliance, October 14, 1904. Mrs. Weybrecht received a public school education, graduating from the Alliance high school in 1881. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. She is a director of the Alliance Women's Club, a member of the Mount Union College Women's Club, the

Coterie Club and the Unity Club. She took an active part in Red Cross work during the World war and has maintained a deep interest in the civic welfare of her community.

Mr. and Mrs. Weybrecht became the parents of four children. The eldest, John Watson Weybrecht, deceased, is mentioned at length on another page of this work, as is his brother, Charles Edgar Weybrecht, who has also passed away. Millicent M., born November 29, 1891, attended Mount Union College, from which she was graduated in music, and is now the wife of Ernest Bradshaw Shreve, treasurer of J. T. Weybrecht's Sons Company. Mr. and Mrs. Shreve have two children, Frank Weybrecht and Elizabeth Jane. Mary Elizabeth, born October 20, 1895, was graduated from Mount Union College and is the wife of Bernard H. Shirk, who is associated with J. T. Weybrecht's Sons Company. They have a son, Edgar Weybrecht Shirk.

Mr. Weybrecht gave his political support to the democratic party and was always keenly interested in public affairs, with which he kept in close touch and on which he held well defined opinions. His ability and integrity received distinct recognition when in 1912 he was elected a member of the state constitutional convention, where he performed able and appreciated service, many of its most important reforms owing their success to his foresight and advocacy. In 1912 he represented Stark county in the state legislature, where he served on important committees and gained a reputation as a tireless and effective worker in the public interests. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the Alliance Country Club, the Congress Lake Club, the Unity Club, the Alliance Circle, the Massillon Country Club, the Stark County Tuberculosis Hospital Commission and was chairman of the Carnegie Library Board of Alliance. Mr. Weybrecht was a deep student of world as well as local history, in which he did much original research work, and was said to know accurately more of the history of Alliance than any other person. He was an omnivorous reader and tireless student, was gifted as a speaker and was frequently heard at public gatherings, where his eloquence, depth of thought and splendid personality always made a marked impression on his hearers. During the World war he served as chairman of the draft board, in which he rendered loyal and faithful service, and in other ways contributed to the suc-

cess of the various local war measures. He always stood ready to identify himself with his fellowmen in any good work or in advancing any measure calculated to better the material, civic or moral welfare of his community. The death of such a man, even in the rounded fullness of life, is a great public loss, and he was mourned by all who knew him. He left to his family the rich memory of an unstained name and a life rich in worthy service, and to the community he loved so well the record and example of an honorable and well spent life.

At the time of his death The Alliance Review paid the following tribute to Mr. Weybrecht:

"When death enters the door of the humble home and calls the tenant whose days have been passed in the simple walks of life, unknown to the world, the busy throng moves on unconscious of that visitation and leaves the little circle of kindred hearts to the companionship of their grief. But when he calls for one like B. F. Weybrecht around whose person the affection, the trust and the admiration of a whole city have been gathered, centered and held for many years, upon whose integrity and devotion to the public welfare they have leaned for more than a generation with unbroken confidence and repose, then the circle of sorrow is widened and thousands of hearts feel the affliction and join in the universal grief.

"It is no disparagement to others to say that he knew accurately more of the history of Alliance than any other person living or dead. With his passing we suffer here an irreparable loss which can never be made good. He loved to delve into the past, to dig up unique and generally forgotten information about places and people. Some of this has been preserved in printed form but much has ceased to be available to us, with the closing of his eyes upon this little local world of ours and the transferring of his remarkable activities to realms we know not of.

"Who of us has not been thrilled by his eloquence? For a generation his voice has been heard on every important issue. Being a student of the past, he knew how to interpret the present and predicate the future. Where men were to be aroused to action his voice was the one used to give the clarion call. When measures were to be expounded and men were to be won to their support, his reasoning, his logic, his expression was brought into fullest play.

No sophistry nor guile found any place with him, the people believed in him, they trusted him, they followed him.

"But few people understand how much time the busy unselfish citizen gives to the common welfare. In him we found one whose time and ability were lavished without stint for all things that meant the good of Alliance and its citizens. He loved his home town, to him there were no fairer fields, no temptations to look elsewhere."

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### REAR ADMIRAL HENRY JOSEPH ZIEGEMEIER

Among the former residents of Canton who have signally distinguished themselves in the service of their country, one of the most prominent is Rear Admiral Henry J. Ziegemeier, who is now at the head of the ninth naval district and the naval training station at Great Lakes, Illinois. Admiral Ziegemeier was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of March, 1869, and is a son of Joseph and Frederica (Meier) Ziegemeier, who were natives of Germany, the father born at Wesseln, July 13, 1844, and the mother September 19, 1844.

H. J. Ziegemeier received his early education in St. Peter's parochial school in Canton, Ohio, to which city the family had moved, and was graduated from the Canton high school in 1885. In the following year he was appointed to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland, and was graduated in 1890. During the subsequent years, as a naval officer, he has been stationed on the Atlantic, Pacific, South Atlantic, South Pacific, Carribbean and Mediterranean waters, and in Asia, China and the Philippines, and while on shore duty has been stationed at Newport, Rhode Island; Annapolis, Maryland; Washington, D. C.; Norfolk, Virginia, and Great Lakes, Illinois. In 1892 he was commissioned an ensign and has since passed through all the grades, being promoted to rear admiral in 1922, which rank he now holds. During the Spanish-American war he served on the cruiser "Annapolis" in Cuban and Porto Rican waters, and commanded the cruisers "Annapolis" and "Denver" in 1913-15 in Mexican waters during the revolution in that country. During the World war he commanded the battleship "Virginia," of the Atlantic fleet, and also convoyed troop trans-

ports to France. He commanded the battleship "California" during 1921-22, served as Director of Naval Communications during 1922-23, and was Commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard from 1923 to 1925. From 1925 to 1927 he served as commander of the third battleship division of the United States fleet, and on November 10, 1927, assumed command of the ninth naval district, which includes the Great Lakes training station.

Admiral Ziegemeier was married on September 18, 1895, at Canton, Ohio, to Miss Ida Wernet, of this city, who died on May 21, 1915. On November 16, 1921, in Los Angeles, California, he married Miss Jewel Ridings, of that city, and they are the parents of a daughter, Rose Mary, born June 16, 1923. The Admiral is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith and is a member of the Army and Navy Club, of Washington, D. C.; the Chevy Chase Club, of Chevy Chase, Maryland; the Catholic Club, of New York city, and the Jonathan Club, of Los Angeles, California. He has had a long and honorable record, characterized by intense loyalty and able performance of duty, which have stamped him as one of the most efficient and dependable officers of the American navy, while, personally, he is possessed of qualities which have won for him the enduring friendship of all who have been associated with him.

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### HARVEY D. TEAL

Harvey D. Teal, superintendent of the schools of Stark county, has rendered a distinctive service to this community in his able and resultant efforts to promote its educational interests, and has won a well merited reputation as a capable and progressive educator. Born at Sycamore, Wyandot county, Ohio, on the 26th of August, 1876, he is a son of George W. and Alvada (Stalter) Teal. His father was born in 1851, in Chemung, Chemung county, New York, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Tillman) Teal, the former descended from a family long resident in New York state, his progenitors coming to this country from Germany. George W. Teal accompanied his parents to Ohio about the beginning of the Civil war, in which conflict his father served for four years as a member of an Ohio regiment. He was reared and educated in this state and fol-

lowed agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his active life, but in later years turned his attention to engineering. His death occurred December 27, 1903, at the age of fifty-two years. Jacob Stalter, maternal grandfather of H. D. Teal, was a prominent attorney at Sycamore, Ohio, and was very active in political and civic affairs, but never sought nor filled public office. To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Teal were born six children, four sons and two daughters: Harvey D.; Frank A., who is teaching in Wyandot county; Fred L., who is superintendent of the schools of Wheeling, West Virginia; Harry H., who is a barber at Alvordton, Williams county, Ohio; Grata, the wife of Ora Weigel; and Ogervie, the wife of Max Essex, a resident of Marseilles, this state. The mother is still living on the old homestead at Sycamore.

Harvey D. Teal attended the public schools of Sycamore, graduating from high school in 1896, and then studied at Baldwin and Wallace College, at Berea, Ohio, and at the Ohio Northern University, at Ada. Later he gained the Bachelor of Arts degree at Defiance College, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and Ohio State University, and is working for his Master's degree in 1928. Mr. Teal began his professional career by teaching school in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1896, remaining in that county until 1902, after which he taught at Paulding, Ohio, and later at Montpelier, this state, there remaining until 1916, when he went to Holgate, Ohio, and for two years served as superintendent of schools of that city. He was then elected county superintendent of Henry county, in which position he continued until 1924, when he was chosen assistant superintendent of the Stark county schools, and a year later, on the retirement of J. A. Smith, was made county superintendent, which position he is still filling in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

On November 26, 1902, at Sycamore, Ohio, Mr. Teal was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Case, who was born in Wyandot county and is a daughter of Henry and Leah (Cooperrider) Case, the former a member of an old Ohio family, while the latter was born in Perry county, this state. Mrs. Teal is a lady of gracious and tactful manner and is an active member of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Teal have two children, Hal C., born December 22, 1908, at Alvordton, Ohio, and Betty Leah, born April 26, 1917, at Holgate, Ohio.

Mr. Teal maintains an independent attitude in politics, voting

according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He is a member of Tecumseh (Mich.) Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., and Alvordton Lodge, No. 655, K. P., at Alvordton, Ohio. He has always been greatly interested in outdoor sports and during his earlier years was a well known professional baseball player, having played in the Central, Southern Michigan, Tri-State, New York state and American Associations. Mr. Teal's successful career entitles him to a large meed of credit from the fact that he has advanced without outside assistance, working his way through college, and has been literally the architect of his own fortunes. A man of progressive ideas and methods, loyal to the highest conception of the teacher's mission, and possessing splendid executive ability, he has capably filled every position to which he has been called and commands the sincere respect and confidence of all who know him.

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### CHARLES W. KEPLINGER

The record of Charles W. Keplinger and the history of banking in Canton over a period of practically a half century are pretty much one and the same thing, for he began his banking career here in 1880 and has been actively and prominently identified with it to the present time. Starting in a humble capacity, he has advanced through various departments and is now ably filling the responsible position of vice president of the First Trust and Savings Bank of Canton, one of the strongest and most influential financial institutions of northeastern Ohio. Mr. Keplinger was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 12th of September, 1859, and is a son of Jacob A. and Mary (Slusser) Keplinger. He is descended from sterling old Dutch stock, the American progenitor of the family, Samuel Keplinger, having come direct from Amsterdam, Holland, during the early '40s of the eighteenth century, and settled in Maryland, where he followed his trade of clockmaking. The next generation of the family settled in Pennsylvania and the third generation in Ohio. Among the descendants of this worthy old Hollander was Daniel Keplinger, who became a pioneer settler of Stark county, Ohio, where for a number of years he was actively engaged in farming and stock raising. Later he removed to Crawford county, this state, where he became prominent in democratic

politics, serving several terms as county sheriff. He remained a resident there until his death, in 1874. Among his children was Jacob A. Keplinger, who was reared and educated in Stark county and who, in early life, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which at that time was constructing its line through this county. He continued his residence here until the completion of the construction work, when he moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he continued his connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad until his death, which occurred in 1908, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Miss Elizabeth Carper, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1838, and died in 1874, at the age of thirty-six years. She was a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Carper. To Jacob A. and Elizabeth Keplinger were born six children.

One of the number, Charles W. Keplinger, received his educational training in the public and high schools of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1880 came to Canton, where he has resided continuously to the present time. Soon after his arrival he entered the banking house of Isaac Harter & Sons as a bookkeeper and, having determined to devote his life to banking, he improved every opportunity to become intimately familiar with every detail of the business. Loyalty and efficient service brought their reward and he received deserved promotions. In 1908 Mr. Keplinger became a partner in the banking firm of Isaac Harter & Sons, and on September 1, 1918, when by consolidation this bank became a part of the First Trust and Savings Bank, he became vice president, which position he now occupies.

In 1885 Mr. Keplinger was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Barr, who was born and reared in Canton and is a daughter of the late Dr. P. H. and Ada G. Barr, of a prominent pioneer family of Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. Keplinger have two sons, Robert B. and John C. In his political views, Mr. Keplinger is a democrat, while his religious connection is with the Trinity Lutheran church. He belongs to the Canton Club, the Brookside Country Club and the Congress Lake Club. He has always taken an active part in everything affecting the general welfare of his city or county and during the World war rendered valued service on various committees and in the Liberty Loan drives and other war measures. He is recognized as a splendid citizen, of high ideals, lofty character and sturdy integrity. True and loyal in every relation of life, he early established a reputation for absolute dependability that has

been a most valuable asset to him and throughout his business career he has commanded the sincere respect of all who have been associated with him.

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### HENRY ADAM DEIBEL

Placing his dependence upon the essential qualities of diligence and perseverance, Henry Adam Deibel attained a place of prominence in commercial circles of Canton and in the upbuilding of his business stimulated the commercial development of the city, while at the same time he exerted a strong force for moral progress in the community. Genuine, sincere and unaffected, he cared nothing for the artificialities of life but his intrinsic worth was recognized and appreciated by all who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship. He was a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Shupp) Deibel. His paternal grandparents were natives of Germany and cast in their lot with the early settlers of Ohio. Adam Deibel was born on his father's farm in Tuscarawas county and followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years, later becoming a carpenter.

In the country schools of his native county Henry A. Deibel obtained his education and then learned the baker's trade with William Kinzley, spending ten years in New Philadelphia, Ohio. His next position was that of clerk in a grocery store owned by Mayor Hurst and later he was employed in a department store of which C. W. Burrey was the proprietor and later was with S. S. Urfer. In 1910 Mr. Deibel located in Canton and became the owner of the Cox Grocery on Ninth street near Buber. For two years he filled a responsible position in the real estate office of C. A. Daugherty and then purchased the business of Drum & Olmstead, dealers in wall paper. The store was situated at No. 131 Second street and later Mr. Deibel secured a more desirable location at No. 200 Fourth street, northwest. He conducted the business under the style of the Ohio Paint & Wallpaper Company and soon won a large share of the local trade, becoming recognized as a leader in these lines.

In Dover, Tuscarawas county, Mr. Deibel was married August 18, 1903, to Miss Caroline Adams and they became the parents of two children: Herbert H., who is connected with the Central Alloy

Company; and Raymond A., a high school pupil. For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. Deibel journeyed through life together, sharing its joys and sorrows, before separated by his death, February 24, 1927. He was a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, and his home life was ideal. Of an optimistic nature, he was not easily discouraged and always looked on the bright side of life. As a business man he was enterprising and capable and his integrity was above question. A firm believer in the gospel of good, he was never weary in well doing and won a high place in the regard of all who came within the sphere of his influence. In the work of spiritual uplift he was deeply interested and while residing in New Philadelphia served as Sunday school superintendent. He was an earnest, helpful member of the First Reformed church of Canton and assistant superintendent of its Sunday school. At the time of his death the following tribute to Mr. Deibel's worth appeared in *The Helper*, a monthly paper issued by his church:

"For more than fifteen years Henry Deibel was an active influence in this church. No man can measure the end of that service as it touched other lives and brought them into Christian work. Never strong or robust, he was yet an untiring worker, continually planning social and entertainment activities which developed a fellowship that has added much to church interest. Christmas service and pageants, workers' dinners and picnics were not complete without Mr. Deibel. Retiring by nature, he never sought public applause, leaving public recognition to others. All his years of labor in Sunday school work were free from friction or disagreement. His life was dedicated to God, who multiplied his talents into a great service."

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### CHARLES C. UPHAM

Charles C. Upham has the distinction of being the oldest attorney in Canton admitted in Stark county, although for a number of years he has not been actively engaged in the practice of law. Other extensive and important interests have claimed his attention and have benefited by his ability and undaunted enterprise. Today he is prominently known as an official of one of the most important business enterprises not only of this city but of the state, for he



CHARLES C. UPHAM



is president and general manager of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, whose ramifying trade relations cover the entire country. He is likewise president of the American Exchange Bank, and thus with the financial, commercial and professional interests of Canton he has long been closely associated.

Mr. Upham was born in Lisbon, Ohio, August 1, 1854. His father, the Hon. William K. Upham, was born in 1817, at Montpelier, Vermont, and traced his ancestry back to John Upham, who came to America in 1635, settling first at Weymouth, Massachusetts. His son, Phineas Upham, served in the French and Indian wars and the family was later represented by those who actively participated in the Revolutionary war and in the War of 1812. The Hon. William Upham was United States senator from Vermont from 1845 until 1854, his death occurring in the latter year, while he was serving his second term, his remains being interred in the congressional cemetery at Washington, D. C. The Hon. William K. Upham, father of Charles C. Upham, was reared in Montpelier, Vermont, where he pursued his early education in the public schools, while later he attended the state college. Preparing for the bar, he devoted his entire life to the active practice of law and gained distinction as an Ohio attorney. It was in the latter part of the '40s that he left New England and removed to Lisbon, Ohio, where he made his home until 1859, when he became a resident of Canton. Here he was accorded distinction as a member of the bar, winning a large clientage, while at all times he handled most capably the litigated interests entrusted to his care. His mind was naturally logical and deductive and he so wisely used his intellectual forces as to become an eminent representative of his chosen calling. He passed away in 1865 and his prominence is indicated by the fact that the Stark county bar erected a monument to his memory in West Lawn cemetery. During the Civil war period President Lincoln and Edward M. Stanton, secretary of war, sent for William K. Upham that he might give them his opinion as to the constitutionality of an act of congress, and upon hearing his opinion President Lincoln signed the act. His political allegiance was given to the republican party from the time of its organization and his opinions carried great weight in the councils of his party, as they did in professional circles. Religiously he was of the Protestant faith. In early manhood he wedded Marie E. Weeks, who was born in Hardwick, Vermont, a daughter of William Weeks

and a representative of one of the old families of the Green Mountain state who, like the Upham family, was of English lineage. Mrs. William K. Upham passed away in Canton in 1894, at the advanced age of seventy-three years. By her marriage she had become the mother of two sons and three daughters.

The only survivor of the family is Charles C. Upham, who was a little lad of but five summers when his parents removed from Lisbon to Canton. After attending the public schools of this city he continued his studies in the public schools of Montpelier, Vermont, and in the Montpelier Academy, and when he had determined to take up the practice of law he became a student in the office and under the direction of Hon. George E. Baldwin, a well known attorney of Canton, who directed his reading until he was admitted to the bar on the 1st of September, 1875. For forty-eight years he continued an able and distinguished representative of the profession. He was particularly well known as a trial attorney and in the field of criminal law showed a strength, capability and resourcefulness that has seldom been equaled in the courts of Stark county. One of the elements of his success was the thoroughness with which he prepared his cases and the strength of his argument was ever based upon a correct application of legal principles to the points at issue. He never seemed to lose sight of any detail of his cases and at the same time he gave due prominence to that important point upon which the decision of every case finally turns. He was concise but extremely forceful in his appeals before the court and he won many notable verdicts favorable to his clients. With the passing years Mr. Upham has become connected with important business interests of Canton. He is now the president and general manager of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, which has long been accounted one of the foremost business enterprises of Canton. He was likewise called to the presidency of the American Exchange Bank, is a director of the Superior Sheet Steel Company and of the John Jacob Agency Company, both of Canton, and likewise was a director of the Canton Collateral Loan Company. He is also treasurer of the Hubbard Steel Foundry Company of East Chicago, Indiana, and his knowledge of law, his keen insight and ready discrimination have featured as valuable factors in the successful conduct of all these varied interests.

On the 19th of December, 1899, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, Mr. Upham was married to Miss Elizabeth Schubach, a daughter

of the late Joseph Schubach, a member of one of the old families of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Upham have one daughter, Margaret, who was born in Canton, Ohio, October 18, 1905. Mrs. Upham holds membership in the First Presbyterian church, in the work of which she has long been actively interested, and she is a member of its missionary society and of the Young Women's Christian Association, while she likewise has membership in the Canton Women's Club. Mr. Upham has always given his political support to the republican party and from 1906 until 1908 he filled the office of prosecuting attorney of Stark county but otherwise has always declined political preferment. He has membership in the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along more strictly social lines he is identified with the Congress Lake Club, the Brookside Country Club and the Canton Club. For recreation in his hours of leisure he turns to hunting, fishing and golf, but his has been a busy and useful life of far-reaching activities and widely beneficial results. However, the activity of past years has brought to him a measure of prosperity that now enables him to frequently put aside business cares and his winter seasons are spent in a beautiful home at Miami, Florida. His entire record is in harmony with that of a distinguished ancestry and his course has reflected further credit and honor upon the family name.

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### WILLIAM CHARLES LAIBLIN

William C. Laiblin, whose active career has been crowned with a very satisfactory measure of success, is numbered among Canton's prominent business men and public spirited citizens. He has been closely identified with affairs of importance to the commercial and civic welfare of his community and is regarded as a leader of public thought and action. Mr. Laiblin is a native of Canton, born on the 5th of April, 1871, and is a son of Charles F. and Nancy P. (Kinney) Laiblin. His family is of German origin, the American progenitor, Charles F. Laiblin, having emigrated from Stuttgart, Germany, about 1825, settling in Steubenville, Ohio. Later he removed to Stark county, where he resided until his death. His son, Charles F. Laiblin, was born in Steubenville and accompanied

his parents on their removal to Canton, where he spent his remaining years. His wife, who was born near Canton, Stark county, July 17, 1846, is a daughter of William Kinney, of an old and prominent Stark county family, of Scottish descent. She is still living in this city, honored and respected by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Laiblin were born six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom two sons and a daughter are deceased.

William C. Laiblin attended the public and high schools of Canton and completed his studies in Mt. Union College. He entered the City National Bank of Canton as a bookkeeper, in which position he served three years, resigning in order to accept a position with the Canton Bridge Company, with which he remained until 1922. During the years 1919 to 1922 he also served as president of the City National Bank, retiring from that position in order to devote his entire time and attention to his real estate and other investments.

On September 28, 1893, in Canton, Mr. Laiblin was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Archer, who is a native of this city and a daughter of Henry and Harriet Archer, of an old and prominent family of this city. Mr. Archer was a veteran of the Civil war and stood high in the community. Mrs. Laiblin is an active member of the Canton Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Laiblin have two children: Mildred is the wife of John C. Keplinger, assistant sales manager of the Hercules Motors Corporation, and they are the parents of two children, John Carper and William Laiblin; and Charles Archer is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, being associated with the Leonard Agency Company, of Canton. He married Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, of Los Angeles, California, and they have a daughter, Joan L.

In his political views Mr. Laiblin is a staunch republican and maintains a deep interest in public affairs. During the World war he served as chairman of the war savings stamp campaign, was vice-chairman of the Liberty Loan drives and served as field investigator with the Government Food Administration for several months in 1918. He is a member of the York Rite bodies of Masonry in Canton and the Scottish Rite bodies in Cleveland, and also belongs to the Canton Club, the Congress Lake Country Club and the Brookside Riding Club. He resides in a beautiful home at Congress Lake, where he indulges in his favorite outdoor diversion, horseback riding. He is also fond of hunting and golf. The begin-

ning of Mr. Laiblin's career was characterized by hard work and conscientious endeavor and he owes his rise to no fortunate circumstances, his progress being the legitimate result of the application of sound judgment and determined effort to every problem that has confronted him. He enjoys well-merited prestige in business circles and is regarded as one of Canton's dependable and substantial citizens, commanding the sincere respect of all who know him.

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### WILLIAM HENRY CLARK

In the front rank of Canton's successful business men and public spirited citizens stands William Henry Clark, in whose career have been exemplified qualities which have gained for him an exalted place in public esteem. Closely identified with the banking interests of this city for many years, he has been a prominent factor in the progress and prosperity of his city and county and has consistently striven in every possible way to promote the general welfare of the community. Mr. Clark was born at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1858, and is a son of John Fulton and Permelia Matilda (Alexander) Clark. His father was born at Amity, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1831, and died in Canton, Ohio, February 17, 1896, while his mother, who was born June 22, 1837, died June 15, 1925. On the paternal side, Mr. Clark is descended from Irish ancestry, and two of his grand uncles served in the war of 1812. His grandfather, Levi Clark, was descended from a New Jersey family, who in an early day settled in southwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Clark's mother, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was related to General Montgomery, of "The Paths of Glory" fame. In Mr. Clark's early childhood, the family moved to the vicinity of Salem, Henry county, Iowa, where they lived until August, 1864, when they came to Canton, where Mr. Clark has been a resident continuously since.

He secured his education in the public schools, graduating from the Canton high school in 1878, and then became connected with the insurance business. For forty-five years he was engaged in the business of fire underwriting, in which he was more than ordinarily successful. He also became interested in the banking business and for fifteen years served as president of the City

National Bank, while for the past twenty years he has been president of the First Savings and Loan Company, one of the solid and influential financial institutions of this city.

Mr. Clark has always given his political support to the republican party, while his religious connection is with the Presbyterian church. He is a member of Canton Lodge, B. P. O. E., the Congress Lake Club and the Canton Club. He has shown an effective interest in his city, giving his earnest support to various enterprises and measures calculated to advance its civic and moral standing. At his own expense, he installed in the McKinley high school two bronze tablets on marble bases, one commemorative of Washington's farewell address and the other, of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. He also established personally a perpetual fund, of which the First Trust and Savings Bank is trustee, which provides for recognition of superior work among the pupils of the McKinley high school. A gold medal is given for excellence in general scholarship, a silver medal for excellence in mathematics and a bronze medal for excellence in English. These medals are given annually at the conclusion of the graduating exercises and are beautiful in design and workmanship, the inscription on one side designating its purpose to the recipient, while the reverse side holds a bust likeness of the donor. Mr. Clark is a man of action rather than words, and energy, depth of character, firmness of purpose and unswerving integrity have characterized his life. Few residents of Canton are better known and none enjoys to a greater degree than he the sincere respect and admiration of his fellowmen.

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#### HOWARD BRIGHAM SOHN

The United States has set the pace for the world in many phases of economic and civic life, and in no respect is this more greatly emphasized than in the development of its free public libraries, which have become a very important and effective agency in the education of the people. Stark county possesses several splendid libraries, prominent among which is the Carnegie Free Library at Alliance, of which Howard Brigham Sohn is the capable and efficient librarian, in which capacity he is rendering appreciated service to his community. Mr. Sohn was born at Wau-

seon, Fulton county, Ohio, on the 29th of March, 1886, and is a son of William H. and Harriet (Brigham) Sohn. His paternal grandparents were William and Caroline (Swander) Sohn, of whom the former was born in Pennsylvania in December, 1816, and died in Tiffin, Ohio, in April, 1886, while the latter was born and died at Wauseon, Ohio, April 27, 1916. During his early life in Pennsylvania in 1825 and died in Tiffin in April, 1912. William Sohn was a carpenter and builder, was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Reformed church at Tiffin. William H. Sohn was born at Tiffin, Ohio, June 29, 1851, and died at Wauseon, Ohio, April 27, 1916. During his early life he was proprietor of monumental works at Wauseon but later turned his attention to the furniture and undertaking business at that place, in which he was successful. An active supporter of the republican party, he served at one time as chairman of the county executive committee of Fulton county and also as a member of the town council of Wauseon. He was chairman of the building committee which had charge of the erection of the county normal school and at the time of his death was president of the board of trustees of the Carnegie library at Wauseon. Harriet (Brigham) Sohn was born near Wauseon, Ohio, February 28, 1854, and died March 22, 1915. She was a daughter of Joel and Betsy (Lyon) Brigham and was a direct descendant of Thomas Brigham, who came to Cambridge, Massachusetts, from England on the "Susan and Ellen" in 1635, and who became a freeman at Cambridge in 1636. He married Mercy Hurd. Joel Brigham was born January 10, 1818, and was the first white child born at Dunkirk, New York. Later he came with the migration from New York to Medina county, Ohio, but afterwards settled near Wauseon, in Fulton county, of which locality he was a pioneer. In 1860 he became interested in the hardware business in Wauseon, with which he was identified during his remaining years, and the business still bears the name of the Brigham-Guilford Company. He was a strong supporter of the republican party and served several terms as mayor of his city. During the Civil war he was one of the three military commissioners of Fulton county and he also served as a member of the board of county commissioners. He attended the Congregational church. His death occurred at Wauseon, January 16, 1908. His wife, born at Goshen, Massachusetts, in February, 1820, died at Wauseon in November, 1892. She was

a direct descendent of Cyrus Lyon, one of the minute-men of Captain Robert Webster's company at the Lexington Alarm and a native of Goshen. Mrs. Brigham was one of the organizers of the Congregational church at Wauseon, in the work of which she long took an active interest. Mrs. Harriet Sohn was one of the charter members and a past regent of Wauseon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in local religious and social organizations.

Howard B. Sohn attended the public schools of Wauseon, graduating from high school in 1904, and then entered Oberlin College, from which he was graduated in 1908. In 1920 he received from the Library School of the University of Illinois the degree of Bachelor of Library Science. From 1909 to 1912 Mr. Sohn was engaged in newspaper work as a reporter in Wauseon, Sidney and Toledo, Ohio and in 1914 he became librarian of the Wauseon public library. From 1920 to 1921 he served as librarian of the Public Square branch of the Youngstown public library, and from 1921 to 1924 he served as librarian at the McKinley high school of Canton, resigning that position to accept his present post as librarian of the Carnegie Free Library at Alliance. His service here has been of a type that has gained for him a high place in the esteem of the patrons of the library and others who are familiar with his work, for he has given to it an intelligent direction that has been reflected in the perfect functioning of the institution in all of its departments.

On June 21, 1916, at Wauseon, Ohio, Mr. Sohn was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Nell Bixler, who was born in Delta, Fulton county, Ohio, April 14, 1896, and is a daughter of Orlando and Ida (Kieffer) Bixler. Her family is of German origin and was founded in this state by her great-grandfather, George Bixler, who came from Pennsylvania to Stark county in an early day. Among his children was Baltzer Bixler, who many years ago moved from Stark to Fulton county, and became the father of Orlando Bixler, who was born in Stark county, April 6, 1857, and is now living in Fulton county, where he is following farming. He is a republican in his political affiliation. His wife was born in Madisonville, Ohio, July 26, 1864, a daughter of Daniel and Christina Kieffer, of Wooster, Ohio. Mrs. Sohn graduated from the Wauseon high school in 1914 and during the two following years taught in the public schools of Fulton county. She studied at the

summer school of Wooster College, and also in the music department of the University of Illinois. She is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Sohn have three children, namely: Carolyn Faye, born June 12, 1917; Harriet Ida, who was born September 21, 1923, and died October 30, 1923, and Howard Bixler, born September 8, 1924. Mr. Sohn gives his political support to the republican party, and his religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton. He is a member of the Ohio Library Association, of which he was treasurer from 1925 to 1927, and the American Library Association. A man of earnest purpose, devoted to his life work, he has gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, while his courtesy and accommodation have won for him the good will and appreciation of the patrons of the library. Cordial and affable in manner, he has a large acquaintance, including many warm friends, throughout the community.

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### WILLIAM R. THOM

Prominent among Canton's capable and successful attorneys is numbered William R. Thom, who has practiced here for ten years, having offices in the Central Savings Bank building. He is also actively identified with the city's civic affairs, particularly in relation to the public parks. Mr. Thom was born in Canton, July 7, 1885, and is a son of Louis and Catherine Thom, also natives of this city. He attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from high school in 1903, and spent two years as a special student in Adelbert College, at Cleveland, Ohio. He then entered the Georgetown Law School, at Washington, D. C., and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1916. While attending that school, he served one year as reporter for the United Press Association in the press gallery of the house of representatives. Prior to going to Washington, he was a reporter on the Canton Daily News and the Canton Repository, in which capacity he gained valuable experience, and from 1911 to 1915 he was secretary to Congressman John J. Whitacre, who represented the old eighteenth Ohio district. In 1917 Mr. Thom returned to Canton and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession.

He has been connected as counsel with many important cases in the courts of this county and has gained a high reputation as a persistent, keen and resourceful advocate, as has been abundantly evidenced by his uniform success in the trial of causes, while as an office counselor he is ever found to be sound and safe.

Politically Mr. Thom is an active supporter of the democratic party and is an admirer of the progressive creeds of Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; and Buckeye Lodge, K. P., and is a past dictator of Canton Lodge, No. 233, L. O. O. M. His religious faith is that of the First Reformed church of Canton. He has taken a leading part in local public affairs and is a member of the Canton park and recreation commission and a director of the H. H. Timken Park Fund, controlling the expenditure of a fund of two hundred thousand dollars donated by H. H. Timken, Canton manufacturer, for the development of the parks of this city. A man of keen and alert mentality and strong and vigorous personality, his success has been gained through determined effort, backed by that sound judgment which is ordinarily called common sense, and he commands to a marked degree the confidence of his fellowmen and the respect of his professional colleagues.

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### CHARLES EDGAR WEYBRECHT

There is no individual who more fully merits and receives the honor and respect of fellowmen than he who gives his life a sacrifice to his country, and such was the history of Charles Edgar Weybrecht, a lifelong resident of Alliance, where as the years passed he gained many friends who esteemed him highly because of a genial nature, a kindly spirit and close adherence to high standards of living. He was born May 12, 1889, a son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth A. (Peterson) Weybrecht, and in the acquirement of his education attended the public schools until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1907. He then entered Mount Union College and, being an athlete, played half-back for that school. With America's entrance into the World war he enlisted for service and was assigned to the supply company of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment. Two weeks after



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he had enlisted he was sent overseas without the necessary preliminary training that would have fitted him for the arduous and rigorous experiences of military life. The result could not have been otherwise, therefore, as he was not physically fit to meet the hardships of the camp. His death occurred in a field hospital at Staden, Belgium, November 2, 1918, and thus he gave his life for the cause which he had espoused.

Mr. Weybrecht was very prominent in Masonic circles. He belonged to Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; Salem Commandery, No. 42, K. T., while in the Scottish Rite bodies he attained the thirty-second degree, having membership in Lake Erie Consistory, S. P. R. S., and also in Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity of Mount Union College and he was very popular because he possessed those qualities which in every land and every clime awaken confidence, regard and friendship. His memory is cherished by all who knew him and there has seldom been a death in Alliance that has caused such deep and genuine sorrow as did the passing of Charles Edgar Weybrecht.

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### WILLIAM J. POYSER

The record of William J. Poyser is closely identified with the commercial, industrial and banking history of Canton, of which city he has been a lifelong resident. He is recognized as one of the community's leading men of affairs, his activities having contributed materially to prosperity and advancement along various lines. Born in Canton on the 27th of November, 1856, he is a son of John R. and Mary (Mellen) Poyser, and traces his ancestry in Amercia back to John Poyser, who, with two brothers, came from England in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He married a Miss McGuire, who was born in Ireland, and among their children was Joseph Poyser, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and who married Miss Martha Reed. They were the parents of John R. Poyser, who was born in Canton, Ohio, on December 9, 1825, was reared and educated in Stark county and during his early years followed the occupation of farm-

ing. In the '40s he learned the carpenter trade, and later engaged in the contracting business. He was employed in the construction of the first courthouse at Canton, and he and James Campbell also built the second courthouse, together with many others of the leading buildings in this city. In 1893 John R. Poyser was elected and served three years as a member of the board of county commissioners. He accepted the office for the sole purpose of being able to supervise the construction of the third and present courthouse. His election was the result of a general belief in his thorough honesty, efficiency and reliability, the public knowing their would be no graft if he were in charge. He took an active part in political and civic affairs and was particularly interested in the success of Lincoln's presidential campaign. Mr. Poyser died on November 2, 1902, at the age of seventy-six years and eleven months. His wife, Mary Mellen, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, January 16, 1827, a daughter of Patrick and Eleanor (Lynch) Mellen. Both the Mellon and Lynch families were from Ireland and in 1832 the Mellens came to Stark county, locating at Paris, where Mr. Mellen became a farmer and also worked at the shoemaker's bench. Mrs. Mary Poyser died March 21, 1913, at the age of eighty-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Poyser were born two sons and two daughters, of whom one son and one daughter died in infancy. The surviving daughter, Ella, is the widow of the late Frank Alexander.

William J. Poyser attended the public and high schools of Canton and then entered the dental school of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, March 1, 1880. He followed the profession for a number of years and then engaged in the lumber business with his father, under the firm name of J. R. Poyser & Son, in which business he continued until 1892. He then became financially interested in the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company, of Canton, serving that organization as its secretary until 1906, and since as vice president. In 1910 he became president and general sales manager of the Canton Foundry & Machine Company, which position he has filled continuously since. In 1895 he became one of the organizers of the Dime Savings Bank, has continued as one of its directors and in 1927 was elected to the office of vice president. He is also president of the Embro Manufacturing Company, makers of embroidery hoops and curtain rods.

On September 13, 1881, in Canton, Mr. Poyser was united in marriage to Miss Helen Bucher, a daughter of John R. and Emma (Wikidal) Bucher, both members of old and prominent families of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Poyser have three children: Edna L., born March 5, 1883; Helen B., February 5, 1885; and John R., Jr., who was born June 15, 1890, and in 1913 married Miss Alice Orton, of Chicago, Illinois. They now live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and have three sons, William J., John R., and Thomas O. In his political views Mr. Poyser is a republican, while his religious connection is with St. John's Roman Catholic church. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, the Knights of Columbus and the Canton Club. Mr. Poyser has resided for thirty-four years at 624 Market avenue, north, and was a near neighbor and friend of President William McKinley. In all that constitutes true manhood and good citizenship he has been a worthy example, while in the business circles of this city he is regarded as a man of safe and dependable judgment in practical affairs,—one of those men of mature decision and spirit so essential to the well-being of any community. He is cordial in his social relations and constant in his friendships, so that throughout the community where he lives he has a host of warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his long and honorable career.

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### MARK R. HAMBLETON

Alert, energetic and resourceful, Mark R. Hambleton has accomplished much in the field of real estate and insurance as president of the Mark Hambleton Company. His labors have been a vital force in Canton's development and improvement and have added much to its beauty and attractiveness as a place of residence as well as a commercial center. Obstacles and difficulties in his path have seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part—and effort has carried him steadily forward to the goal of successful achievement. His early youth was spent upon the Ohio farm on which his birth occurred on the 24th of May, 1879, but when he was a lad of nine years his environment became urban rather than rural through the removal of his parents to Columbus.

He was therefore reared in that city and when he had completed a course in the grammar schools and also a commercial course he started out to provide for his own support at the age of eighteen years. He entertained no false ideas concerning success, realizing from the outset that advancement must be based upon individual merit, ability and industry. With his removal to Canton in 1900 he opened a furniture and fixture store, which he conducted for five years, but believing that he would find a more profitable and more congenial field in real estate and insurance, he turned his attention to those lines, in which he has since continued. Through the intervening years he has not only conducted an extensive business as a broker but has also developed many attractive residential districts, putting upon the market fine home-building sites and thus adding materially to the improvement of the city. No man is more thoroughly familiar with realty values or knows more concerning the property that is upon the market, and his office in the Renkert building is a busy place where the interests of many clients are adequately cared for. Today, as the result of his development projects and his salesmanship, Colonial Heights, Woodland Park, West Park Terrace and Inglewood Heights are now attractive districts of Canton. He has also developed the Joseph D. Miller subdivision and Industrial Heights, and not only is he president of the Mark Hambleton Company but is also first vice president of the Title & Mortgage Company of Canton. For a quarter of a century he has been a leader in the development and growth of Canton and has contributed in notable measure to the advancement of the city. Some years ago, when there was a population of thirty-five thousand, the firm predicted a population of fifty thousand within a few years. Conservative business men laughed at their optimism, but the results exceeded their anticipations, and in carrying on these operations the company has worked not only for the present but for the future, and today they prophesy a new modern city hall, civic buildings, a large, up-to-date air port and everything else that will make Canton a great metropolis. Associated with Mr. Hambleton in the company of which he is president are Wilber O. Reed, secretary and treasurer, and Stella M. Motter, assistant secretary and treasurer, while at the head of each department are men of known efficiency and enterprise. Recently Mr. Hambleton was elected vice president for the second district of the Ohio Association of Real Estate Dealers, which

indicates his high standing among those of similar business interests in the state.

The marriage of Mr. Hambleton was celebrated November 11, 1900, when Miss Della Steinbaugh, a native of Ohio, became his wife. They are now parents of five children; Nelle Doris, a graduate of the Margaret Morrison School for Girls; Donald; W. Paul; Ray Warren; and Virginia Frances.

In community affairs Mr. Hambleton has always taken a deep interest and from 1916 until 1919 was a director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, while during the World war period he was a member of its executive committee that promoted the sale of Liberty bonds. In Masonry he has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is a member of the Royal Order Jesters Court No. 14, is a past president of the Canton Shriners Club and was a delegate to the Imperial Council in 1924. His membership connections also extend to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Lake and Canton Shrine Clubs and the Masonic Club, while the rules which govern him in all the relations of life are found in his connection with the First Methodist church. He is a man whom to know is to esteem and honor and Canton classes him among her foremost realtors and her valued citizens because he has labored effectively and earnestly for the public welfare.

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### CURTIS A. HANNER

Courageous and energetic, Curtis A. Hanner has fought life's battles alone and unaided, and the record of his career is the story of an orderly progression that has brought him to the fore in banking circles of Canton and Stark county. He was born September 5, 1882, in Strasburg, Ohio, and his parents, Joseph and Frances (Schilling) Hanner, were also natives of this state. His grandfather, Andrew Hanner, left his home in Germany and was the founder of the American branch of the family, becoming one of the early settlers of Ohio. His son, Joseph Hanner, was born in

Winesberg, Holmes county, this state, in his native town he was reared and educated and for many years engaged in the manufacture of brick. His widow, also of German extraction, is a native of Hardin county and a member of one of its old families.

Curtis A. Hanner is the eldest of a family of four children, two sons and two daughters. He attended the public schools of Parral, Ohio, until he reached the age of sixteen and then started out to earn a livelihood. After taking a course in a business college at Valparaiso, Indiana, he secured the position of bookkeeper with the Arnold Sand Company of Strasburg, Ohio, and was next an office boy in the Exchange National Bank at Dover, this state. For thirteen years he worked for that institution, rising to the position of assistant cashier, and while a resident of Dover also served as city auditor for one term. In 1916 Mr. Hanner came to Canton as assistant cashier of the Commercial & Savings Bank and acted in that capacity until the business was purchased by the City National Bank, of which he was made cashier. Subsequently the latter institution was consolidated with the George D. Harter Bank and Mr. Hanner became vice president at the time of the merger. In 1923 he was one of the organizers of the Canton Bank & Trust Company, of which he was elected the first president, being still the incumbent of that office. In the discharge of his important duties he brings to bear the knowledge and wisdom acquired by post-graduate experience in the school of banking and follows a policy which carefully safeguards the interests of depositors and stockholders and at the same time promotes the growth of the institution.

At Bolivar, Ohio, Mr. Hanner was married September 12, 1907, to Miss Edith Shaeffer, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Kline) Shaeffer. Robert, their only child was born in December, 1908, in Dover, Ohio, and is a student at Exeter, New Hampshire. The family reside in an attractive home at No. 350 Twenty-first street and Mr. Hanner's business address is No. 205 Market avenue, south. In politics he is a republican and lends the weight of his support to all movements for the growth and betterment of his community, county and state. He belongs to the Canton, Brookside and Lakeside Clubs and is a devotee of golf, which keeps him physically fit and also acts as a mental stimulant. In Masonry he holds the thirty-second degree and lives up to the teachings of the order. Courteous in demeanor and sympathetic and unselfish

by nature, Mr. Hanner is ever considerate of the rights and privileges of others, and the firmness, frankness and integrity of his character have established him high in public esteem.

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### WILBER O. REED

Through the exercise of effort Wilber O. Reed has developed his latent powers and talents, steadily advancing toward the goal of success, and is now a member of one of the leading real estate firms of Canton. He was born April 15, 1879, in Wilmot, Stark county, of which his parents, Benjamin F. and Adeline (Pfouts) Reed, were also natives. His forbears in the paternal line came from Pennsylvania to Ohio and were numbered among the early settlers of this part of the state. As a young man Benjamin F. Reed enlisted in the Union Army and served as a private in Company C, One Hundred Eighty-fourth Regiment Ohio Infantry. In political and civic affairs he manifested a keen interest and for a number of years was postmaster of Wilmot, ably discharging the duties of the office. Throughout his active career he followed agricultural pursuits and was called to his final rest July 4, 1909, when seventy-four years of age. Mrs. Reed is a daughter of George Pfouts and made her home in Canton until her death in February, 1928. She was the mother of three children: Wilber O.; Gardie, who is a teacher in the Canton public schools; and Verneena, who is the wife of Corbin E. Bidwell of this city.

In the public schools of Wilmot, Wilber O. Reed obtained his education and remained on the homestead until he was twenty years of age. He then secured a position in the office of his uncle, William Reed, at that time auditor of Stark county, and with his salary of forty dollars per month paid all of his living expenses. For about five years he worked for his uncle and then spent a short time in Columbus, Ohio. Returning to Wilmot, he was identified with mercantile pursuits for two years and acted as bookkeeper for the state liquor license board. In 1918 he became associated with the Mark Hambleton Company of Canton and since 1920 has been secretary and treasurer of the firm, which is operating extensively in real estate. He is thoroughly acquainted with prop-

erty values in this locality and plays an important part in the conduct of the business.

At Erie, Pennsylvania, Mr. Reed was married October 24, 1922, to Miss Myrtle Veach, a native of Canada, and their attractive home at No. 415 Newton avenue, northwest, is a center of Canton's social life. In politics Mr. Reed is a republican but not a strong partisan and at local elections casts his ballot for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and is also a member of the Lakeside Shrine Club. His interest centers in his work, but when leisure permits he enjoys the sport of hunting. Mr. Reed's life has been one of quiet devotion to duty and his record proves that the old fashioned virtues of honesty, diligence and perseverance still constitute the key to prosperity.

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#### RAYMOND S. KAYLER

Raymond S. Kayler, of Alliance, has held a number of positions of trust and responsibility and has so discharged his duties as to earn the commendation of his fellowmen. In his present position as secretary of the Employers Association of Alliance he has done effective and appreciated work and has gained recognition as a man of far-sighted judgment in practical matters. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, on the 10th of August, 1850, Mr. Kayler is a son of Abram and Jane (Emptage) Kayler. His paternal grandparents were Abram, Sr., and Lydia (Raymond) Kayler, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, whence they came to Ohio, where the father followed shoemaking. Their deaths occurred in this state, the father dying at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, at the age of ninety-seven years, and the mother in Osceola, Crawford county. They were members of the Dunkard church and Mr. Kayler was a democrat in politics. Abram Kayler, Jr., was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. Here he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active life, and his death occurred in

1901, at Ravenna, Portage county. He supported the republican party and was an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. Jane (Emptage) Kayler was born in Kent county, England, and died near Sandusky, Ohio, in 1865, at the age of forty-five years. She was a daughter of Elijah and Jane (Clark) Emptage, both of whom were born in Kent county, England, and died in Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Emptage was a gardener and at one time was in charge of the gardens and grounds of John Sherman. He supported the whig party and was a member of the Congregational church, in which he sang in the choir.

Raymond S. Kayler attended the public schools of Wyandot county, Ohio, and a private school in Upper Sandusky. He taught one term of school in Wyandot county and then went west, where he engaged in farming for two years. On his return to Ohio he located in Crestline and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a brakeman. Two years later he was made a conductor, in which capacity he served for ten years, when he resigned and, coming to Alliance, engaged in the bakery and restaurant business for six years. He was then appointed state commissioner of railroads and telegraphs by Governor Bushnell, serving four years, and on the expiration of his term turned his attention to the manufacturing business, becoming one of the organizers of the McCaskey Register Company in 1901. He served as secretary and treasurer for four years, when he retired and assisted in the organization of the American Case and Register Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer for six years, when the business was sold to the McCaskey Register Company. During the past twelve years Mr. Kayler has served as secretary of the Employers Association of Alliance.

In 1873, in Crestline, Ohio, Mr. Kayler was united in marriage to Miss May Rogers, who was born in Vermont in 1852 and is a daughter of Stephen and Irene (Stone) Rogers. The father, who was a native of New Hampshire, followed the vocation of farming, and died in Kansas. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who also died in Kansas, was a native of Massachusetts. Mrs. Kayler, who was educated in the public schools of Illinois and Iowa, is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Alliance. Mr. Kayler has always supported the republican party and has taken a helpful interest in public affairs. He served one term as a member of the

city council and was twice elected a member of the board of education but resigned before the expiration of his second term. During the World war he was active in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, as well as the Near East relief work. During the war he took in six million dollars for Liberty bonds and during that period and since has handled three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for Near East relief and other benevolent organizations. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M., and Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T., and also belongs to the Order of Railroad Conductors. He is a steward of the First Methodist Episcopal church and gives his earnest support to every measure for the advancement of the public welfare and the betterment of his community. Because of his long and honorable record and his excellent personal qualities, he commands the respect of his fellowmen and the unqualified friendship of his associates.

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#### HARRISON BRADWAY WEBBER

For forty years a resident of Canton, Harrison Bradway Webber left the deep impress of his individuality upon the life of the city, whose progress he furthered along many lines, and his keen, analytical mind and devotion to his profession placed him with the foremost lawyers of this part of the state. He was born November 24, 1859, in Hinckley, Medina county, Ohio, a son of George E. and Jane Ann (Woodruff) Webber. His father was a native of Palmer township, Hampden county, Massachusetts, and the eldest son of Richard and Lovina Webber, who brought their family to Ohio in 1838, locating in Hinckley township. George E. Webber assisted his father in the arduous task of hewing a farm out of the wilderness and was an expert marksman, shooting the last deer killed in Medina county. This was in the '40s. When a young man of eighteen he revisited his native state, in which he learned the foundry business. At the age of twenty-one he returned to Ohio and started a foundry in Hinckley. There he was married on September 16, 1849, to Jane Ann Woodruff, who was a native of Grand Isle, Vermont, her natal day being identical with that of her husband. After some years Mr. Webber transferred his



HARRISON B. WEBBER



plant to Medina and became one of the prominent business men of that city. A man of strong religious nature, he was a devout member of the Church of Christ and in his younger days sometimes preached the Gospel. His first wife died May 8, 1889, at Medina, Ohio, and his second union was with Mrs. Sarah Finch. On March 1, 1900, Mr. Webber was called to his final rest and after his demise his widow lived with her children in the west. Of the children born to George E. Webber, two survive, Judge A. R. Webber, a well known jurist of Elyria, Ohio, and Dr. John B., of Medina, Ohio.

Reared on a farm, Harrison B. Webber early formed habits of industry, thrift and perseverance which stood him in good stead in later life. His public school education was supplemented by attendance at Baldwin University in Berea, Ohio, and a course in Hiram College. When a young man he read law under the direction of Judge Lewis in Medina and was admitted to the bar. Shortly before his marriage he moved to Canton, and for two years after coming here had his office with William B. McKinley, who was then a congressman. Mr. Webber began the practice of law in association with Anthony Housel and was chairman of the republican state central committee during the McKinley campaign for governor. When Thomas F. Turner came to Canton he formed a partnership with Mr. Webber and later they were joined by Judge Thayer. Their law business was conducted under the style of Thayer, Webber & Turner until Judge Thayer left Canton, when it reverted to Webber & Turner, one of the strongest legal combinations in northeastern Ohio. This relationship was continued for thirty years and after it was discontinued Mr. Webber maintained an office in association with Wendell Hurbruck but practiced independently. His knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence was comprehensive and exact and his legal services were much in demand. In June, 1893, he became city solicitor and acceptably filled the office until June 1, 1895.

Mr. Webber was married March 24, 1887, in Medina, Ohio, to Miss Minnie B. High and they were the parents of two children. The son, George High, married Mrs. Sara Seesholtz Smith, by whom he has three children: George Harrison, Ruth Anne and Mary Jane. The daughter, Lucile Jane, is the wife of Alfred Williams and the mother of three children: Roger Webber, Sarah Jane and Thomas Richard Williams.

For two terms Mr. Webber served on the Canton board of education and later was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of one of its members. During that time he was instrumental in securing the site of the McKinley high school and constructing the building. He was offered but refused the nomination of judge of the court of common pleas, having no desire for public office, and in fact was interested in policies rather than in politics. For over a quarter of a century he was affiliated with the First Christian church, which he served as deacon and trustee, and was also a teacher in the Sunday school. He was a close student of the Bible, of which he had a number of translations and a large collection of commentaries. A wide reader, he was one of the best informed men in the city on questions of national and international importance. The day before his operation was devoted to the reading of Irving Batcheller's latest book, "Dawn," and his last moments before going to the operating room were spent in discussing the book with Dr. P. H. Welshimer, who was his personal friend as well as his pastor. Medical and surgical skill proved unavailing and on April 16, 1927, "Death's finger touched him and he slept."

At that time one who knew him well said: "To his host of friends Mr. Webber was familiarly known as 'Harry' and to them and to the great number to whom he was adviser as well as friend his going will leave a place long to be unfilled."

Among the tributes of the local press to the character and worth of Mr. Webber were the following:

"The life of Attorney Webber was divided into four pathways, his office, his home, the church and his books. He cared little or nothing for social activities. His home was his altar. He was considered one of the best read men in Canton. He owned a remarkable library. Biographies and books of travel were among his favorites. For more than twenty-five years he was one of the active members of the First Christian church.

"'And so Great Heart passed on and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.' Surely that is what happened when 'Harry' Webber set out on the greatest adventure in life. To his family his loss is irreparable. To his many friends his memory will be one of the bright and fragrant experiences of every day.

"To have known him was a privilege and to have had his friendship was to have had one of the finest and truest gifts life

has to bestow. To the many whom he helped by advice, by encouragement, by the hearty slap on the back and the smile that lifted one over the difficult bits of going, and even by substantial assistance of a financial nature, his passing will leave an aching void.

"All of those who loved to drop into his office for a chat on the many subjects upon which he was an authority—they will miss these chats and wish they had gone more often. A tireless reader, filling with the companionship of books even the few five minutes he might find unoccupied, 'Harry' was eager to pass on to others the pleasures of his own intellectual pursuits. An inspiration always, not only to his friends but also to members of his profession, he was a friend's friend and a lawyer's lawyer. He studied law as he studied life as the most serious business of living."

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### JOHN GEORGE SCHLEMMER

John G. Schlemmer, owner of the McKinley Transfer and Storage Company, is one of Canton's most energetic and enterprising business men, as may be inferred by the development of his present business, the success of which has been brought about through his determined and persistent efforts, backed by sound judgment and honorable principles. Mr. Schlemmer was born in Canton, on the 7th of August, 1884, and is a son of George and Mary Elizabeth (Yant) Schlemmer. The father was born in Pennsylvania and now lives at 1812 Frazer avenue, Canton, while the mother, who was born in East Sparta, Ohio, is deceased. On the paternal side Mr. Schlemmer is of German descent. His maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war.

John G. Schlemmer attended the Fifth Street public school and on completing the eighth grade went to work for the William Stuart Furniture Company, with which he remained for two and a half years. He then entered the employ of the Abt millinery store, for which he delivered packages for about six months, when he went to the Gibbs Manufacturing Company as a woodworker, which line he followed from 1900 to 1907. In the latter year he started in the draying business with his father, though for a few years he worked in the hot mills during the winter seasons. He

devoted his entire time to the draying business with his father from 1910 until 1917, when he took over the Canton Grocery Company's trucks and did their delivering until 1922. In that year he organized the McKinley Storage and Transfer Company, and used the top floor of the Canton Grocery Company building, at Cherry and Second streets, northeast. In August, 1925, the Canton Grocery Company sold out to the Dannemiller Grocery Company and in the following March Mr. Schlemmer took over the entire building, comprising five floors, using it for storage, for which purpose he has sixty-five thousand square feet of space. When Mr. Schlemmer started this business he had one horse and wagon, whereas now he uses fourteen large motor trucks and has fifteen men in his employ.

On September 17, 1907, at the home of Reverend Poling, in Canton, Mr. Schlemmer was united in marriage to Miss Jennie R. Shrake, who was born February 26, 1885, and is a daughter of Park and Dora (Stull) Shrake, the former now deceased, while the mother lives in Canton at 903 Walnut avenue, northeast. Mr. and Mrs. Schlemmer are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, who was born September 15, 1922. Mr. Schlemmer is a republican in his political views and is a member of Lathrop Lodge F. & A. M., and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Ohio. He also belongs to Canton Lodge, K. P. He and his wife are members of the Congress Lake Club and the First United Brethren church, in which Mr. Schlemmer is vice president of the Men's Bible Class. He is a man of stanch integrity and friendly in his social relations, and throughout the community in which he has spent his life is held in high esteem by a large circle of warm friends.

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### WALTER HOLMES ALLMAN

The late Walter Holmes Allman is entitled to specific recognition in this work as one who stood as a splendid type of the progressive and enterprising business men who by their activities contributed to Stark county's reputation as a great industrial center. He played a leading part in the affairs of Canton and through his persistent and well directed efforts attained a high place in con-

nection with the productive energies of life, being regarded as a man of superior ability and acumen in practical things, while in the sphere of private citizenship he so ordered his course as to command the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

Mr. Allman was born in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, on the 5th of September, 1871, and was a son of Carrol Baines and Alice (Putnam) Allman, the former long at the head of the Allman-Putnam Company. He secured his early education in the public schools of his native city, after which he attended Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. He then entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895, and later took post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore. On his return to Massillon he became associated with his father in business, and remained identified therewith until 1905, when he came to Canton and established the W. H. Allman Company, wholesale dealers in plumbing and mining supplies. This proved a successful enterprise and he devoted his efforts closely to the promotion of the trade until 1912, when, because of failing health, he disposed of the business to the Scioto Valley Supply Company, after which he lived retired until his death, May 14, 1914.

On June 27, 1901, in Massillon, Mr. Allman was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Morgan and they became the parents of four children, namely: Carrol Baines (a name which has appeared in every generation of the family for many years), James Putnam, John Morgan and Walter Holmes, Jr. Mr. Allman was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton and belonged to the Congress Lake Club. He was an incessant worker, being a man of action rather than words. In the management of his business from its foundation he manifested far-seeing judgment and keen discrimination and, building upon a solid basis, had the pleasure of seeing his work develop into a success that proved the accuracy of his opinions and reflected great credit on his executive ability. He was thoroughly practical, and strength of character, firmness of purpose and unswerving integrity were among his chief characteristics. He was a man of impressive personality and possessed an alert and vigorous mentality, having in him the elements which make men successful to the highest degree. In all the relations of life he displayed that consistent, gentlemanly spirit, that innate refinement and unswerving integrity that endeared him

to all who knew him. He was a good husband, faithful and loving; a good citizen and friend, constant and reliable; a man in the fullest sense of the word, who played his full part in the drama of life and stood "four square to every wind that blows."

Mrs. Allman has long been active in matters affecting the welfare of her community and has been an effective worker in social, civic and political circles. In 1920 she became the first president of the Women's Club of Canton and during her administration the present club property on Market street was bought. That was a trying period in the history of this well known organization, some of its members being doubtful as to the outcome of the movement, but Mrs. Allman's optimism, unfaltering faith in its eventual success and sound business sense, carried them through their difficulties and established the club on a firm and enduring basis, on which has been built the splendid organization. She is also a member of the Sorosis Club and was for five years chairman of its executive board. Mrs. Allman was one of the strongest advocates and early organizers of the woman's suffrage movement in Canton and continued her efforts effectively along that line until the right of franchise was gained. She was the organizer of the Canton Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, of which she is president, one of its objects being to secure the election of women to the boards of education. Though the federation is still in its infancy, it has given abundant evidence of its potential efficiency in the educational affairs of the community and is regarded as well worthy of general support. The most important work Mrs. Allman has done has been along political lines, prompted by her earnest interest in and desire for better government. In addition to her labors in connection with the suffrage movement and the League of Women Voters, she has been an active and helpful supporter of the democratic party. She is a member of the women's democratic central committee and she has the distinction of being the first woman to be appointed on the national finance committee of either of the great parties, having been made a member of the democratic national finance committee on March 22, 1922. During the campaign of that year she toured the state and made one hundred and thirty-two political speeches, which were well received everywhere that she appeared. Mrs. Allman has also made a number of addresses before women's social and literary organizations on such subjects as "What to Read," "Confessions of a Book Lover," "The Weaker

Sex" and "The Authenticity of the New Testament," and is in constant demand as a speaker on special subjects. She was the first vice president of the board of directors of the Canton chapter of the Red Cross Society and during the World war, in addition to her Red Cross work, she took an active part in the Liberty Loan drives as chairman of the speakers' bureau and in connection with the draft board. She is now a member of the board of directors of the Good Will Industries.

Though she has thus been prominently and actively engaged in affairs of relative importance and value to her community, Mrs. Allman's chief interest has always been in her home and in the rearing of her family, in which she has shown herself a mother in the truest and broadest sense, fulfilling faithfully the sacred work that comes within this sphere. She is a lady of unusual tact and judgment, which, coupled with her industry and gracious personality, have rendered her deservedly popular with all with whom she has come into contact, and she has a host of loyal and admiring friends throughout the community which is honored by her residence.

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#### ATLEE M. WISE

Atlee M. Wise, county surveyor of Stark county, has proven in every respect well qualified for the responsible position which he holds and is rendering valuable service to his county. Mr. Wise is of German lineage, Adam Wise, the progenitor of the family in this country, having emigrated to America prior to the war of the Revolution, in which struggle several of his descendants had a part. The family settled in Pennsylvania, where it has been represented ever since. Peter Wise, a member of the fourth generation in this country, came to Ohio about 1811, settling in Stark county, where he established the first mill in this section of the state. He continued the business until his death, and the mill was operated for many years afterwards. Elias T. Wise, son of Peter Wise, was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied the family to Ohio. He married a Miss Speelman and they became the parents of Jeremiah Wise, who was born in Plain township in 1846. He was reared there, receiving his education in the little country school of that neighborhood, and he devoted his efforts to farming and

stock raising, in which he met with a due measure of success. He spent his entire life in Plain township, where his death occurred February 20, 1923, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was married to Miss Maria Mishler, a daughter of Jacob and Louise (Meyers) Mishler, whose ancestors came to this country from Germany at an early date and settled in Pennsylvania, the present generation being the fourth of American birth. Mrs. Maria Wise died February 9, 1908, at the age of fifty-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Wise were born five children, namely, Elsie C., James G., William J., Atlee M. and Mrs. Mariam L. Kruse.

Atlee M. Wise attended the North Canton public schools, was graduated from high school in 1904, and then entered the Canton high school, completing his course in 1905, while in 1910 he was graduated from the engineering school of the University of Michigan with the degree of Civil Engineer. He had practically worked his way through college, having at intervals taught school at Mt. Zion, Stark county. On his graduation he became connected with the engineering department of the United States government and was sent to the Philippine islands, where he engaged in professional work for a period of four years. On his return to Canton, he entered the service of the state highway department in the construction of roads and bridges in Stark and Columbiana counties, and followed that line until assuming his present office as county surveyor, to which he was elected in the fall of 1922, taking the office in September, 1923. His previous experience had been of a most practical nature and well prepared him for the duties of the position which he now holds and which he is discharging in a very efficient and satisfactory manner.

On June 2, 1917, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Holl, who was born and reared in Canton and is a daughter of Oliver and Alice (Essig) Holl, both of whom are members of old and well known families of Canton and Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. Wise are the parents of a son, Richard Atlee, who was born in Canton, May 7, 1919. Politically Mr. Wise has always supported the republican party and in its councils has been an active figure. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; North Canton Post, No. 469, A. L., and the Lakeside Shrine

Club. In January, 1928, he was elected first vice president of the Ohio Engineering Society. He possesses a cordial and friendly manner, which has gained for him a large acquaintance, and throughout Stark county he is held in high esteem, both for his splendid personal qualities and his able and efficient record as a public official.

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### EDWARD GIBSON

The duties of the important office of sheriff are being discharged in a manner that has caused much favorable comment and Edward Gibson is conceded to be one of the ablest and most efficient sheriffs in the history of Stark county. He is a native of this county, having been born at Middle Branch on the 3d day of February, 1884, and is a son of William and Christina (Frank) Gibson. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and lived there until eighteen years of age, when he came to Stark county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in August, 1917, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a thresher and a sawyer, was a stanch republican in his political belief and was a Protestant in his religious faith. His wife, a native of Stark county, was a daughter of Peter Frank, who was born in France and came to Stark county prior to the Civil war, living here until his death, on July 8, 1915, at the age of fifty-five years. His father was a tailor, living at Harrisburg and Louisville.

Edward Gibson, the only child born to his parents, attended the country schools and at the age of eighteen years started to make his own way in the world. He began learning the moulder's trade, which work he followed for four years, and then became a member of the police force at Alliance, on which he served for four years. He also engaged in the retail cigar business in Alliance, but later sold out and entered the automobile garage business, to which he gave his attention for eight years. He was next appointed deputy sheriff of Stark county, in which capacity he showed such aptitude and efficiency that, in November, 1926, he was elected sheriff, in which position he is now serving. In his administration of this office he has made an extraordinary record, his department

functioning in a manner that has marked him as a man of more than ordinary ability.

On April 14, 1917, in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Flossie Wilding. Her parents are of English descent, and natives of Mahoning county, Ohio, their respective families having settled in that county in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are the parents of a daughter, Katherine. Mrs. Gibson is deeply interested in church and missionary work, is a member of the Woman's Club of Canton and has been active in political and civic affairs in her community. Mr. Gibson has always supported the republican party and has been actively interested in public affairs. He is a member of Lily Lodge, No. 362, K. P.; Canton Lodge, No. 233, Loyal Order of Moose; Alliance Lodge, No. 467, B. P. O. E., and Canton Lodge of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church at Canton, to which he gives liberal support, as he does to all worthy benevolent causes. His career has been characterized by faithful and loyal devotion to every responsibility placed upon him and his success in life is directly attributable to his determination and persistent effort along right lines. He is a man of high ideals, to which he has been faithful, and his record has gained for him an enviable place in the confidence and respect of the people of his city and county.

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### JOHN WATSON WEYBRECHT

In the ranks of the younger business men of Alliance, John Watson Weybrecht was an outstanding figure. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in further developing and promoting this he showed qualities of strength, broad vision and keen insight. He was a son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth A. (Peterson) Weybrecht, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work. His birth occurred in Alliance, February 27, 1887, and he was graduated from the Alliance high school in 1904. His public school training was supplemented by study in the Mount Union College and the Ohio State University. When his textbooks were put aside he became associated with his father in the lumber and mill business and thus entered into active connection with one



*John Weybrecht*



of the most important commercial enterprises of the city. He bent his energies to the further development of the business and the expansion of its trade relations, and his thoroughness, efficiency and progressive spirit were manifest in the results achieved.

Mr. Weybrecht was united in marriage to Miss Wilma Sanford, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford, and since her husband's death Mrs. Weybrecht has made her home in California. It was on the 21st of August, 1923, that he was called to his final rest. He held membership with the Knights of Pythias and in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Alliance and also in the Sigma Nu fraternity of Mount Union College and of the Ohio State University. In all these organizations he had many friends, as he did outside their ranks. His upright character and many admirable qualities gained for him the friendship and the kindly regard of all who knew him and thus it was that his death occasioned deep and widespread regret, Alliance recognizing the fact that she had lost one of her valued citizens.

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### WILLIAM T. KUHNS

Energy, determination and ambition have shaped the career of William T. Kuhns, who from an early age has been self-supporting, and his constantly expanding powers have placed him with the foremost business men of Canton. He was born November 11, 1866, in Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, and traces his ancestry to the colonial period in the history of this nation. His father, the Rev. Louis M. Kuhns, was a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and of German lineage. He was a son of John Kuhns, whose father served as a colonel in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war and became the first sheriff of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Louis M. Kuhns was reared on a farm in his native county, in which he received his early instruction, and later attended Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio. After his graduation from that institution he completed a course in theology and later received the honorary degree of D. D. His first charge was the Lutheran church in Leachburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, which he had attended during his youth, and he was there stationed

for a considerable period. Three years were spent in Bellefontaine and in 1868 he was called to Canton. For fifteen years he was pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, which he served for a longer period than any previous minister, and went from Canton to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, taking charge of the church at New Philadelphia. In that field he labored until 1886, thus closing a happy and successful religious career, after which he lived retired until his demise at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Frederica (Luyties) Kuhns, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Mrs. Kuhns was the owner of a line of ships operating between Bremen, Germany, and Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Kuhns also passed away at the age of seventy-eight years. She had become the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy; and Herman L. Kuhns, who died shortly after the Spanish-American war as a result of illness contracted during the war in which he served as a captain in the 8th Ohio Infantry. Those who survive are: Mary, who is the widow of William Hamilton Bayly, of Washington, D.C.; Annetta L., who is the widow of George A. Barnes, and formerly lived in Akron, Ohio, but is a resident of Canton at the present time; and William T. Kuhns, who is the youngest of the family.

The last named attended the public schools of Canton and in 1882, when sixteen years of age, became a wage earner, securing the position of office boy with C. Aultman & Company, pioneer implement dealers of Canton. He started at a salary of two dollars per week and as he demonstrated his worth was steadily promoted, becoming familiar with the work in the various departments. At the end of five years Mr. Kuhns severed his connection with the firm and for six years thereafter was cashier and assistant manager of the Canton factory of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company. In 1894 he decided upon an independent venture and chose Baltimore, Maryland, as the scene of his activities. He purchased the business of the Maryland Veneer Products Company and this led to his connection with the lumber industry. Organizing the W. T. Kuhns Lumber Company, he successfully conducted the business for five years and on the expiration of that period disposed of all of his holdings in Baltimore. Soon after his return to Canton he formed the Kuhns-Batchelor Company, stock brokers, and in 1921 purchased all of the stock in the firm, retaining the original style. Under his control it became one of the lead-

ing investment houses of Canton and for six years he conducted the business alone. In 1927 it was sold to Otis & Company of New York city and Mr. Kuhns is now manager of the Canton and Massillon offices. He maintains his home in Canton, having a residence at No. 1419 Cleveland avenue, northwest, and his office is located on the third floor of the First National Bank building. Through close study and practical experience he has acquired a comprehensive understanding of the investment business and this knowledge is supplemented by executive force and mature judgment.

On February 19, 1894, Mr. Kuhns was married in Canton to Miss Mary Alice Cook, a native of the city and a daughter of George and Mary (Weary) Cook. Her father was the business associate of C. Aultman and one of the founders of the Aultman Company, the first large industry established in Canton. To Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns were born three children, one of whom died in infancy. The elder daughter, Margaret K., is the wife of Richard Davis Raff, of Canton, and their children are Margaret Elizabeth and Richard Davis Jr. The second daughter, Elizabeth K., married William Fenton Johnston, of New York, and they have one child, Shirley.

Mr. Kuhns aided in forming the Canton Cadets and from them other military companies were developed in the city. One of them, Company I, of the 8th Ohio Infantry, was the first national guard company mustered into service by William McKinley, then Governor of Ohio. During the first year of his connection with the organization Mr. Kuhns was a second lieutenant and was then made first lieutenant and regimental adjutant of the 8th Infantry, Ohio National Guard. For three years he served as such and then resigned, going to Baltimore. During the World war he was active in Liberty Loan campaigns and also performed other work of a patriotic nature. Mr. Kuhns is a republican and exerts considerable influence in local councils of the party and during the Coolidge campaign for the presidency was elector for his district. In the organization of the Brookside Country Club he was a leading spirit and was chosen as its first president. He also belongs to the Canton Club, the Torch Club, the Rotary Club and the Congress Lake Club. In 1925 and 1926 he served as president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and in 1927 became a director of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. For diversion he turns to the sport of fishing and also enjoys motoring. By nature Mr. Kuhns

is genial and companionable, enjoying the social amenities of life, and time has demonstrated his worth as a man and a citizen. He has a wide acquaintance and possesses those qualities which make for strong and enduring friendship.

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### CHESTER M. PETERS, M. D.

Ambitious, self-reliant and energetic, Dr. Chester M. Peters provided the funds for his medical education and his rapidly maturing powers have placed him with the leading physicians and surgeons of Stark county. For eight years he has practiced in Canton, his native city, and his valor and patriotism were manifested by service in the World war. He was born January 30, 1881, and is a descendant of one of the old Dutch families of Pennsylvania. His father, William H. Peters, was born in Pittsburgh, that state, and following the trade of spring making. The greater part of his life was spent in Canton and in civic affairs he took a leading part, serving on the Canton board of education for three terms, during two of which he was its president. His political support was given to the republican party and his life was guided by the teachings of the First Christian church. His wife, Henrietta (Chapman) Peters, was a native of Portage county, Ohio, and a daughter of Solomon and Catherine A. (Wilsey) Chapman, the former one of the first ministers of the First Christian church of Canton, which was then located where the city hall now stands. Her parents were members of pioneer families of New York state and cast in their lot with the early settlers of Ashtabula county, Ohio. William H. Peters passed away in 1916 and his wife's demise occurred in 1920. To their union were born there children, a son and two daughters.

In 1899 Dr. Chester M. Peters completed a course in the Canton high school and afterward entered the railway mail service, with which he was connected for twelve years. Going to Chicago, he worked his way through the Hahnemann Medical College and was graduated with the class of 1915. His first professional experience was obtained in Waynesburg, Stark county, where he maintained an office until 1917, and then volunteered for overseas service. As a first lieutenant in the United States Medical Corps

he was sent to France and participated in the Argonne and St. Mihiel offensives. Merit won him promotion to the rank of major and on July 31, 1919, he was honorably discharged. Soon afterward he located in Canton and in the intervening period has established a large practice, devoting much of his attention to X-ray work. In recognition of his medical knowledge and skill Dr. Peters was appointed one of the health commissioners of Stark county in 1920 and has since been retained in this capacity, doing important work in the field of public service.

In 1913 Dr. Peters was married in Canton to Miss Orpha Burger, a native of the city and a daughter of Elgie Burger. To this union has been born a son, James William. The family reside on Culver road, northwest, in the Mount Vernon addition, and the Doctor's office is located at No. 709 Cleveland avenue, northwest. He is affiliated with the First Christian church and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Along fraternal lines he is identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Canton Lodge, No. 68, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, of the Masonic order. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Lions and University Clubs of Canton and the Shady Hollow Golf Club. An earnest student, he has constantly augmented his scientific knowledge and is a member of the Stark County and Ohio State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Dr. Peters holds to high standards in the discharge of his professional duties and is esteemed for the qualities to which he owes his success.

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### WILLIAM MORRIS WEIDA

William M. Weida, of the Weida Welding Company, of Canton, is a progressive, energetic and successful business man. An expert metal worker, with long and varied experience, he is regarded as an authority in his special line of work and has well merited the prosperity which is now his. Mr. Weida was born in Canton, Ohio, on the 26th of January, 1897, and is a son of James B. and Mary Henrietta (Muench) Weida. Both parents are of German descent and were born in Reading, Pennsylvania, the father on October 13, 1863, and the mother, April 11, 1863, their marriage

occurring in that city in 1881. Mrs. Weida is a descendant of a soldier of the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Weida were born ten children. Mr. Weida, a blacksmith by trade, worked at Reading, where he remained until 1887, when he moved to Canton, Ohio, where he resumed the same line of business, which he has continued to the present time, thus making almost a half century of continuous effort in the same line. He is also the proprietor of the J. B. Weida Tool Company, in which he has met with gratifying success.

William M. Weida has spent his life in Canton and secured his educational training in its public schools. He first worked as a repairman with the Francis Rohrbaugh Company, after which he was employed successively by the William Walker Meat Company, the Buckeye Tank and Seat Company, the Diebold Safe and Lock Company and the Shanafelt Manufacturing Company, after which he worked for his father in the plant of the J. B. Weida Tool Company, where he remained ten years, gaining valuable experience. Then for about one year he did blacksmithing for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and, in September, 1923, organized the Weida Welding Company, of which he is the owner and manager. He has a complete, modern equipment and is prepared to do any kind of work in his line, the high quality of his work being his best advertisement.

On October 2, 1919, in Canton, Mr. Weida was united in marriage to Miss Rose Corinne Sloat, who is a lineal descendant of Henry Remensnyder, who served in the Revolutionary war. She also had an uncle, John Clouser, who was a veteran of the Civil war. The Reemsnyders, as the family name is now spelled, were among the earliest settlers of Stark county, and most of the male members of the family have been farmers. Mrs. Weida is a member of the First Christian church of Canton and of Nazir Caldron, the women's auxiliary to the Grotto. Mr. and Mrs. Weida have become the parents of four children: William McKinley, who was born November 11, 1920, and died June 12, 1923; Lorraine Ruth, born February 21, 1922; Kenneth, born October 4, 1923; and Wilma Jean, born December 22, 1925.

Mr. Weida is a republican in his political views and is a member of William McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Nazir Grotto and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. On January 1,

1918, at Canton, he enlisted for service in the World war and was sent to the training camp at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he remained for thirty days, and then went to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. From there he embarked for France, landing at St. Nazaire, where he joined the Thirteenth Aero Squadron. He was in active service until the close of the war, being in the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives and the Argonne-Meuse drive, and then returned to the United States, March 4, 1919. He was mustered out as a first sergeant of the Aero Corps at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, April 3, 1919. He is a member of the First Christian church of Canton. He is very fond of hunting and is a lover of outdoor sports, being a baseball and football enthusiast. He was for a number of years very prominent in the local baseball leagues, until an injury forced his retirement. A man of pleasing personality, cordial and friendly in manner, he has a host of warm friends throughout the city in which he lives, and all who have come in contact with him hold him in high regard.

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### PAUL J. GNAU

Paul J. Gnau of the firm of Gnau & Miller, First National Bank Building, Canton, Ohio, is one of the most highly esteemed members of the Stark county bar. He was born in Canton, August 5, 1894, and is the son of Charles A. and Zella F. (Stantz) Gnau. The family is of German origin, his paternal great-grandfather, Augustine Gnau, having brought his family from Emsdorf, Germany, to the United States in July, 1852. They settled in Navarre, Bethlehem township, Stark county, Ohio, where they reared a family of children among whom was Peter J. Gnau, Mr. Gnau's paternal grandfather, who was about eight years of age when brought to America. Peter J. Gnau was engaged in the boot and shoe business in Navarre from 1877 to 1900, when he moved with his family to Akron, Ohio, operating there a retail shoe store for about ten years. Peter J. Gnau during the Civil war served in the Union Army, was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg and received his honorable discharge at the end of the war.

Charles A. Gnau, the father of Mr. Gnau, was born at Navarre, Ohio, May 6, 1868. He attended the district school at Navarre and

later became a student at St. Vincent's College, Pennsylvania, after which he taught school in Navarre for a number of years, later becoming a millwright, which occupation he followed for a number of years. In 1893 he married Miss Zella F. Stantz and shortly after moved to Canton, where he operated a general merchandise store on South Market avenue which later became the South End Bargain Store, with which he was associated until his death in June, 1903, at the age of thirty-five years.

Mr. Gnau's mother was born in Coshocton county and was the daughter of Phillip and Sarah E. (Carnahan) Stantz. To Charles A. and Zella (Stantz) Gnau were born two children, Paul J. of this review, and Mary E., wife of Roy R. Bobbitt, now residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Paul J. Gnau attended Canton public and central high schools, graduating from the latter in 1912, after which he was a student at Duquesne University at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for one year before matriculating at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in the College of Law. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

When the United States entered the World war Mr. Gnau laid aside his text books and enlisted in the Army, being sent to France on June 13, 1917, with the first American soldiers sent overseas attached to the 26th Infantry Regiment, First Division. He was promoted to corporal, then successively to sergeant, ordnance sergeant, second lieutenant and first lieutenant, and had been recommended for a captain's commission at the signing of the armistice. During his two years in France and Germany he saw service in a number of British and American sectors, being for about three months attached to the British Army on special duty. After being commissioned, he served as ordnance officer in charge of artillery at a number of American advance supply bases and rail heads. He returned to the United States on May 5, 1919, and was assigned to special staff duty at Washington, D. C., where he served until August 31, 1919, when he was honorably discharged.

After concluding his army service, Mr. Gnau resumed his law studies at Georgetown, being graduated from the College of Law in 1920 with the degree of LL. B. For one year he served as special claims attorney and examiner for the War Department Claims and Appeals Boards, in Washington, having successfully passed

the bar examination of the District of Columbia and having been admitted to practice in that jurisdiction.

After returning to Ohio and passing the Ohio state bar examination he practiced law in Cleveland affiliated with the law firm of Day & Day (Hon. William L. Day and Luther Day) for about a year and then returned to Canton to become associated with Attorney William B. Quinn, with whom he practiced for several years. In 1923 he became a partner in the law firm of Webber, Turner, Abt & Gnau, which later became Turner, Ake, Abt & Gnau, an association which continued for several years, until Mr. Gnau withdrew from this partnership and after practicing alone for several years formed a partnership with Thomas M. Miller, a former city solicitor of Canton, under the firm name of Gnau & Miller. This has proven a strong combination and they enjoy a large and successful practice in the courts of this county.

Mr. Gnau specializes in corporate, real estate and trial work, and has gained a reputation as a capable and dependable lawyer.

He is a member of the Stark County Bar Association, of which he was secretary for five years and is now vice president, and of the Ohio State Bar Association. He is general counsel for the Republic Stamping & Enameling Company of Canton, the Superior Iceless Refrigerator, Inc., of Canton, the Canton Fibre Box Company, and the Lindentree Industrial Corporation of Canton, and of the Federal Machine & Welder Company of Warren, Ohio, of which he is also vice president and a member of the board of directors. He is local counsel for Swift & Company of Chicago and The Factory Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Gnau is also an officer and director in a number of other corporations, among which are the Canton Home Building Company and the Industries Advancement Corporation.

On October 11, 1921, in Canton, Mr. Gnau was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy M. Kolp, who was born May 14, 1895, and is a daughter of Charles A. and Celestia C. (Walser) Kolp, both of whom are members of old and prominent Stark county families. Mr. and Mrs. Gnau are the parents of three children, Virginia Dorothy, born December 20, 1922; Marguerite Joan, born December 11, 1924, and Kathleen Marie, born September 26, 1927. They reside on El Prado place, northwest, in one of the most beautiful sections of Canton.

Mr. Gnau is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church,

the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past advocate; he is president of the Canton K-C Luncheon Club, and was formerly head of the Fourth Degree K-C in Stark county for several years. He is vice president of the University Club of Canton; a director of the Canton Welfare Federation; a director of the Canton Automobile Club; a past commander of the American Legion in Canton and formerly for several years the head of the American Legion in Stark county; and a past president of the American Business Club of Canton.

A man of sterling character and strong personality, he makes a favorable impression on all with whom he comes in contact and commands the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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### HARVEY FRANCIS AKE

As a lawyer and jurist Harvey Francis Ake has contributed his share toward the prestige enjoyed by the legal fraternity of Stark county. He is a Mason of state wide prominence and a scion of a pioneer family that has been represented in Stark county for more than a century. He was born on a farm near Mapleton in Osnaburg township, Stark county. His father, Francis Ake, and his mother, Catherine (Rusher) Ake, were natives of the same township. His grandfather was Samuel Ake, and his great-grandfather, Francis Ake, migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1811 and settled several miles north of where the village of Waynesburg is now located. The great-grandfather engaged in farming and in addition operated a carding and grist mill. Mr. Ake's maternal grandparents, John and Marie Rusher, were natives of Lorraine, then a part of France, and came to America in 1824. They too settled in Osnaburg township, Stark county. Francis Ake, our subject's father, was born in a log cabin on Christmas Day, 1839, and lived to be almost eighty-six years of age. The mother passed away in 1911 in her seventy-first year.

Harvey F. Ake is one of a family of four children: John, Jr.; William W.; Florence A., now the wife of Dr. Irving A. Elson of Canton; Harvey F. and Florence being twins.

Harvey F. Ake was educated in the public schools of his township, Mount Union College, where he received the degree of Bach-



Harvey F. Allen



elor of Science in 1895, and in the University of Michigan, where he was graduated from the law department with the degree of LL. B. in 1898. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1898, was associated for several years with Hon. Charles C. Bow and later formed a partnership with Luther Day, now of Cleveland, Ohio. Later he and Wendell Herbruck became partners, Mr. Herbruck retiring to pursue studies in Oxford University.

In 1912 Mr. Ake was elected judge of the court of common pleas of Stark county, Ohio, which office he held for more than ten years. Upon retiring from the bench in 1923 he became a member of the firm of Turner, Ake, Abt & Gnau. At present he is associated with Oscar M. Abt under the firm name of Ake & Abt. On November 2, 1926, the judges of the United States district court for the northern district of Ohio appointed him referee in bankruptcy for the counties of Stark and Carroll.

Court records disclose that Judge Ake, while on the common pleas bench, successfully handled much of the important litigation in Stark county. It has been his privilege to establish new legal principles which were uniformly approved and affirmed by the higher courts. In fact, rarely have any of his decisions been reversed. Because of his ability to handle the business of the court with expedition his record for the amount of business dispatched has not been equaled in Stark county. Judge Ake was always fearless, hearing and determining such matters as came before him for consideration with the sole purpose of doing justice.

On May 23, 1899, Harvey Francis Ake was married to Anna McCall Brush, who was a native of Stark county and daughter of James Alpheus and Amelia (McCall) Brush. Both the Brush and McCall families are of English origin, having migrated to this country in the early colonial days. The Brush family was established in Ohio by Mrs. Ake's grandfather, Charles Brush, who settled in Stark county south of what is now Mount Union. James A. Brush was married to Amelia McCall in the early sixties. Both were graduates of Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and at the time of his death in 1885 Mr. Brush held the chair of mathematics in Mount Union college. Mrs. Brush was at the head of the department of English in the same institution for many years. She passed away in January, 1927. Mrs. Ake, through her mother's branch of the family, is a member of the D. A. R. and also of the Ohio Society of Mayflower descendants. Among her Mayflower

ancestors are Governor William Bradford, General Warren, Priscilla Mullen and John Alden.

Judge and Mrs. Ake have two sons. The elder, Theodore, attended Mount Union College and Lehigh University and married Evelyn Ruby, by whom he has one son, Theodore, Jr. Sherwood, the younger son, is now a senior in the University of Michigan and contemplates entering the legal profession. Judge and Mrs. Ake and their sons are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton, Ohio. They are republicans. They have always been active in the cause of education and the Judge for many years has been a trustee of Mount Union College.

In 1901 Judge Ake became a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs to all the York Rite bodies, the Shrine and the Red Cross of Constantine. He has had all the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second; is a past master of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., and past most potent master of Emeth Lodge of Perfection. In October, 1927, he was made junior grand deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to Lakeside Shrine Club, Canton Club, Torch Club, Kiwanis, the Alpha Tau Omega Greek letter fraternity, the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Judge and Mrs. Ake reside in Avondale, a beautiful suburban residence district of Canton.

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### JAMES J. McCALL

James J. McCall, of Canton, stands high in the legal profession in his section of the state, commanding a large and lucrative practice, and is regarded as one of the loyal and dependable citizens of his community. He is a scion of sterling old Irish stock, his paternal great-grandfather, Barnabas McCall, who was a native of Ireland, having emigrated to this country about 1818. He took up a land grant on Little Sandy creek, in Stark county, and there developed a good farm, which he operated during his remaining years, also working at the trade of wheelwright. He was the father of Thomas McCall, who was born in Sandy township, and there followed agricultural pursuits. He was an active democrat in politics and served as auditor of Stark county. His son, John Stark

McCall, remained on the home farm, which he operated up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1904, at the age of fifty-four years. He married Miss Kate Welker, who died in 1896, at the age of fifty-two years. They became the parents of two children, Minnie and James J. Mr. McCall's maternal grandfather was William Welker, whose family was of German origin and who came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, with his father, Michael Welker, who took up a quarter section of land in Pike township, on which he lived to the end of his days.

James J. McCall secured his early education in the district schools of his home neighborhood and then entered Ohio Northern University, at Ada, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903. He then attended the law school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1907, since which time he has been actively engaged in practice in Canton, having his offices in the Canton building. Possessing a broad and accurate knowledge of law and powers of logical analysis, together with marked ability as a pleader, he has met with pronounced success in practice and is regarded as one of the leading members of his profession at Canton.

On June 30, 1909, in Canton, Mr. McCall was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Zerbe, who was born and reared here and is a daughter of Emanuel and Dinah (Kinney) Zerbe, both of whom are still living in this city, of which locality their respective families were early settlers, the Kinney family having been among the pioneers of Pike township. The progenitor of the Kinney family in this country was Isaac Kinney, who came from Ireland to Stark county early in the nineteenth century and took up a land grant six miles east of Canton. This farm is still in the possession of the family, being operated by one of Isaac Kinney's descendants. It is noteworthy that in every generation of the Kinney family one son has borne the name of Isaac. Mr. and Mrs. McCall have two children, John Stark, born August 4, 1911, and Betty Elizabeth, August 4, 1914.

Mr. McCall gives his political support to the republican party and has always evinced a deep interest in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his home city and county. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the University Club, the Lawyers Club, the Stark County Bar Association,

the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His religious connection is with the United Brethren church, to which he gives earnest support. He has achieved a splendid record as a capable and reliable lawyer and commands the sincere respect of his fellowmen, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### CHARLES NEWELL VICARY

In the death of Charles Newell Vicary, on March 18, 1921, Canton lost one of its most useful and highly respected citizens, a man who was not only extremely successful in his business affairs, but who efficiently filled a large place in the civic life of his community, being a friend and liberal patron of those interests which tended to promote the public welfare. Mr. Vicary was born at Morganville, Genesee county, New York, on the 15th of June, 1858, and was a son of William Newell and Caroline Charlotte (Cooke) Vicary, the former a farmer and druggist in that place. The family was of English origin, the emigrant ancestors having left Devonshire, England, for the new world, embarking on a sailing vessel which required three months for the voyage.

Charles N. Vicary received his educational training in the public schools and remained with his father until he had attained his majority, when he went to LeRoy, Genesee county, where he found employment and later came into ownership of the business. In February, 1891, he came to Canton and rented a storeroom on the public square, with the intention of going into business. Just after he had signed his lease the Dueber Company failed and local commercial conditions were badly disturbed, but Mr. Vicary believed in the future prosperity and growth of the city and went ahead with his plans, establishing a clothing store. He was successful in this venture and two years later, because of his increasing trade, he moved to the location now occupied by the Lafkovits store, where he remained about ten years, when he bought the property where the business is now located. Prosperity attended his efforts, his business enjoying a steady and continuous growth, and eventually he incorporated the C. N. Vicary Clothing Company and became the owner of the block in which the store is

located at 312-314 Market avenue, north, known as the old Vicary block. A few years ago he erected the new Vicary block, one of the finest buildings in the city. In addition to his clothing business, he was a director of the George D. Harter Bank, a director of the Steiner Coal Company, a director of the Cleveland Discount Company, of Cleveland, and was financially interested in various other enterprises, being regarded as a man of sound and reliable business judgment.

On August 3, 1881, in LeRoy, New York, Mr. Vicary was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bailey, a daughter of Nelson and Rhoda Maria (Haskins) Bailey, and to them were born four children: Arthur Charles, of Erie, Pennsylvania, who married Miss Mary Wilmarth and has two children, James Wilmarth and Louise Dewolfe; Grace Louise, who was the wife of John L. G. Pottorf and died in 1920, leaving one child, Louise Carolyn; Marguerite Bailey; and Carolyn Charlotte, the wife of Harold Henry Krider.

Mr. Vicary gave his political support to the republican party and maintained a deep interest in public affairs. He was a member of the various branches of Masonry. During the entire period of his residence in Canton he took an active interest in its business and civic affairs and was one of the leaders in movements of public importance. He was president of the Canton Business Men's Club in 1909-10, this organization later growing into the Chamber of Commerce, and was the first vice president of the Canton Retail Merchants' Association in 1918. When the Chamber of Commerce was organized he became an active member of it. Throughout the period of the World war he was an active director of the Red Cross Society and, on the resignation of Congressman J. H. Himes, he became president of the Canton chapter. In June, 1905, Mr. Vicary was made director of the Canton Young Men's Christian Association, serving until May, 1915. He was prominent in the activities of the First Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder, and was closely identified with the work of various religious interests of the city, including the organized Sunday school activities, serving also as a director of the Armenian relief fund for this section of the country. His social membership was with the Congress Lake Club. His life history exhibits a career of unswerving integrity, indefatigable private industry and wholesome home and social relations. It is the record of a well balanced mental

and moral constitution, strongly marked by those traits of character which are of special value in community life as it exists to-day. He was one of Canton's most substantial citizens and many beautiful tributes to his high standing in the world of affairs and as a man and citizen attested the abiding place he had in the hearts and affections of those who knew him. His life was epitomized by a long-time friend in the following words: "A devoted husband and father, loved by all who knew him; a successful man of affairs, of spotless integrity; a clear-headed optimist, a Christian gentleman and citizen."

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#### EDWARD O. MORROW, M. D.

Canton has long taken justifiable pride in the ability and character of its physicians and surgeons, and today no member of the medical profession here holds a higher place in public regard than Dr. Edward O. Morrow, who has been engaged in practice in this city continuously for nearly forty years. Dr. Morrow was born on the 26th of July, 1865, in New Cumberland, Hancock county, West Virginia, and is a son of Alexander and Rebecca (Shanley) Morrow. His father was born in Londonderry county, Ireland, where he was reared and educated, and in 1844 emigrated to the United States, locating in Hancock county, West Virginia, where he engaged in farming and stock raising to the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty years of age. He was a Protestant in religious faith and was active and influential in the councils of the democratic party. His wife, also born in Hancock county, West Virginia, was a daughter of William Shanley, who emigrated from Dublin, Ireland, in the 50s, settling in Hancock county. He was a well educated man, having graduated from medical college, and he practiced medicine in Hancock county to the time of his death. Mrs. Rebecca Morrow lived to the age of seventy years, dying about 1899.

Of the four children of Alexander and Rebecca Morrow, Edward O. is the third in order of birth. He attended the public schools of New Cumberland, completing the high school course, and matriculated in the medical school of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Med-

icine in 1887. He served as interne in St. Francis Hospital, in Columbus, for two years, and then located in Canton, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. To a marked degree he embodies the necessary qualifications of the successful physician, for hand in hand with his skill and able judgment has gone a broad minded sympathy with the sick and suffering and an earnest desire to aid his afflicted fellowmen, so that he has long commanded the public confidence and has enjoyed a large and representative practice throughout this city and surrounding country. The Doctor has been successful in his material affairs and is a stockholder in and director of the Dime Savings Bank.

In June, 1912, in Canton, Dr. Morrow was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Steiner, who was born in Stark county and is a member of one of its oldest and best known families. She is a member of the Lutheran church and is active in religious, civic and social affairs. In his political views Dr. Morrow is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., belonging also to the chapter, council and commandery of the York Rite; and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Canton. He also belongs to the Canton Club, the Congress Lake Club and the Shrine Club. He maintains the deepest interest in everything pertaining to his profession, of which he has always been a constant student, and he has been consulting physician for the Aultman and Mercy Hospitals ever since their organization. No movement having for its object the advancement of the public welfare has lacked his earnest support and in every respect he has been a loyal and useful citizen of his community. By reason of his public spirit, as well as his sterling character and fine personal qualities, he enjoys marked popularity and is also regarded as one of the representative professional men of his city.

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#### JOHN KIRTLAND TRESSEL, M. D.

For twenty-six years Dr. John K. Tressel has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Alliance and is widely recognized as one of his community's leading professional men, while in civic and fraternal affairs also he has been prominent. He was born in Alliance, on the 23d of March, 1878, and

is a son of Dr. John H. and Susanah T. (Hawkins) Tressel. His father was born in Carroll county, Ohio, March 17, 1833, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Western Reserve Medical School, after which he successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Alliance to the time of his death, which occurred February 17, 1909. He was a republican in his political views and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Berlin Center, Mahoning county, Ohio, September 17, 1840, and died in Alliance, June 17, 1903. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Teegarden) Hawkins, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and died in Ohio.

John K. Tressel graduated from the Alliance high school in 1896, after which he attended Mt. Union College three years. He was a student in the medical school of Western Reserve University two years, then entered the Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons, now combined with the Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. In 1903 he took a post graduate course in the New York Post Graduate Medical School. He returned to Alliance and was associated in practice with his father until the latter's death, since which time he has been alone. He is an able and reliable physician, being an accurate diagnostician and skilled in the use of drugs, while as a surgeon he is the peer of any of his contemporaries. He has built up a large and remunerative practice and commands the confidence of all who know him.

On July 11, 1906, in Alliance, Dr. Tressel was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Rhodes, who was born April 29, 1877, and is a daughter of William Henry and Susan (House) Rhodes. Her paternal grandfather, Rev. William Henry Rhodes, a relative of Cecil Rhodes, of England, was born in Herkimer county, New York, and died in Owatonna, Minnesota. He was a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church and preached for a number of years at the Wesleyan Methodist Seminary at Wasioja, Minnesota. His political faith was that of the republican party. He married Miss Mary Hughes, who was born in Herkimer county, New York, and died at Wasioja, Minnesota. She was a daughter of William Hughes, who was the last survivor of the historic Boston Tea Party, and made the principal address at the dedication of Bunker Hill monument at Boston when seventy-six years of age. William Henry Rhodes, born in Herkimer county, New

York, on July 5, 1837, followed farming and stock raising for many years, retiring some time prior to his death, which occurred in 1921, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, a republican in politics and served throughout the Civil war with a New York volunteer regiment, under the command of Gen. U. S. Grant. Susan (House) Rhodes, who was born in Minnesota in 1855 and died at Owatonna, that state, in 1878, was a daughter of David and Sarah House, of Owatonna, and was a cousin of Col. E. M. House, the close friend of President Woodrow Wilson. Mrs. Tressel attended the public schools and graduated from the Wesleyan Methodist Seminary at Wasioja, Minnesota, after which she took a full course in nursing at the Northwestern Hospital at St. Paul, Minnesota, from which she was graduated, and thereafter followed nursing up to the time of her marriage. She is a member of the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War at Rochester, Minnesota, the Pythian Sisters at Niles, Ohio, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

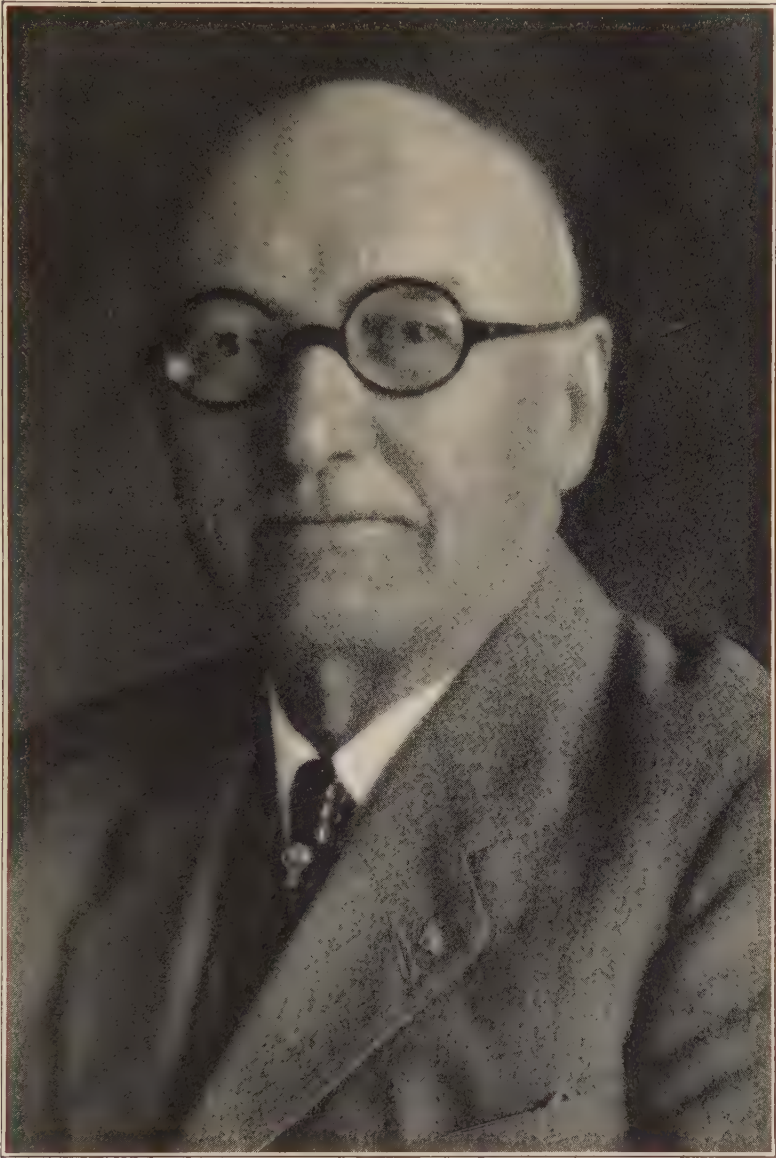
Dr. Tressel is a member of the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is vice president of the Alliance City Hospital staff. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Medical Corps. He was first assigned to the base hospital at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained one month, and was then transferred to Bellevue Hospital, New York city. A month later he returned to the base hospital at Camp Sherman, where he was put in charge of osteomyelitis and open infected fractures, establishing the Carrell Dakin method of treatment. He remained there two months and was then transferred to the Walter Reed General Hospital at Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C., where he remained four months, in the facio-maxillary service and on May 26, 1919, was honorably discharged from the service, with the rank of captain. He was surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad for twenty-five years prior to April 1, 1927, when he resigned. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Ellsworth Lodge, No. 505, F. & A. M., at Cleveland; Hillman Chapter, No. 166, R. A. M., at Cleveland; Alliance Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Alliance Lodge, K. P.; Alliance Lodge, B. P. O. E.; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. He gives his political support to

the republican party and has always shown a proper interest in public affairs, particularly such as have related to the welfare and progress of his home community. He has ever been a close student of his profession, keeping in close touch with the latest advances in the healing art, and his career has been one of broad usefulness, so that throughout the community in which he lives he is held in the highest esteem by his fellowmen.

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### MANFULL S. MILBOURNE

Manfull S. Milbourne, who is closely identified with the financial and industrial interests of Alliance, has lived a life of great activity and his efforts have been crowned with success. For many years he was vice president and is now chairman of the board of the Alliance First National Bank and is numbered among the substantial and influential business men of Stark county. Mr. Milbourne was born in Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, September 1, 1851, and is a son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Manfull) Milbourne. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Milbourne, was a native of Virginia, followed farming, and died in Hanoverton, Ohio. He was a republican in politics and in early life was a Quaker in his religious faith but later became a member of the Christian church. He married Miss Jane Craig, who also was born in Virginia and died in Hanoverton, Ohio. They were the parents of Jonathan Milbourne, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1818, and died in Alliance, in 1905. He was a carpenter and builder and he commanded the respect of his fellowmen. He supported the republican party and at one time served as a member of the board of commissioners of Carroll county, while his religious connection was with the Christian church, of which he was an elder. His wife, Rebecca, was born in Augusta, Ohio, in 1832, and died in Alliance in 1894. She was a daughter of Stephen and Mary Ann (Rowley) Manfull, both of whom were of English descent and probably born in that country, their deaths occurring in Augusta. Her father, who was a farmer, was a member of the Christian church and his political alignment was with the republican party. His father, also named Stephen, was born in England and died in Augusta.



*Mr S Melbourne*



Manfull S. Milbourne attended the public schools of Augusta and then went to work as a clerk in Thomas B. Culp's general store at that place, where he remained until 1882, when he accompanied Mr. Culp on his removal to Alliance. In September, 1890, Mr. Milbourne became bookkeeper for the Alliance Bank Company, and in 1894 was advanced to the position of cashier, in which capacity he served until 1902. He was made a director of the bank in 1896 and in 1910 became vice president, while since the organization of its successor, the Alliance First National Bank, he has been a director and chairman of the board. He is also president of the Industrial Savings and Loan Association. He was one of the organizers and is a director, secretary and treasurer of the Alliance Machine Company, and was also one of the organizers of the Alliance Structural Company, of which he is treasurer and a director.

On February 25, 1876, near Salineville, Ohio, Mr. Milbourne was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Marshall, who was born at Salineville, May 17, 1852, and died in Alliance, April 10, 1925. She was a daughter of Thomas and Lydia Ann (Turnipseed) Marshall and a granddaughter of Lambron and Elizabeth (Gillingham) Marshall. Thomas Marshall was born at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1816, and died near Salineville, Ohio, May 1, 1907. He followed farming, gave his political support to the republican party and was a deacon in the Christian church. His wife was born at Chambersburg, Ohio, September 21, 1830, and died near Salineville, March 10, 1905. Mrs. Milbourne received her educational training in the public schools near her home, became an active member of the Christian church, laboring earnestly to promote its work, and was a woman of many gracious qualities, which endeared her to all who knew her. Mr. and Mrs. Milbourne became the parents of two children: Jesse M., born December 7, 1876, died in November, 1882; and Mary G., born November 7, 1884, graduated from the Alliance high school, attended Mt. Union College, and is now the wife of James L. Amerman, a lawyer in Canton, Ohio. They are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born November 24, 1917.

Mr. Milbourne has always given the republican party his support, and, though never seeking public office, has maintained a deep interest in the political affairs of his county and state. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chap-

ter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Salem Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland. He has long been an active and earnest member of the Christian church, of which he is a trustee, and he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Country Club. His life has been characterized by duty well performed, by faithfulness to every trust and by clear-headed judgment which has given his opinions weight among his associates. He has ever enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellowmen because of his business ability, his interest in public affairs, his upright life and his cordial and unaffected manner, and is regarded as one of the worthy and substantial citizens of Alliance.

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#### GLEN E. MACKLEM, M. D.

Prominent among the medical practitioners of Canton stands Dr. Glen E. Macklem, who has achieved more than ordinary success in his profession, while at the same time he has gained a wide reputation as an active and effective religious worker, to which line of effort he devotes a large share of his time. The Doctor was born in Detroit, Michigan, May 27, 1883, and is a son of Stephen Blaine and Ella T. (Purcell) Macklem. His father was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, August 22, 1851, and was a member of an old and prominent Canadian family, of Scotch descent, the family having been represented in Canada through several generations. A number of Mr. Macklem's earlier ancestors were prominently identified with the judicial and educational interests of that country, several of the family having occupied the benches of the higher courts, while others served as professors in the universities and other institutions of learning. Stephen B. Macklem moved to Detroit, Michigan, where for many years he was prominently identified with commercial affairs, meeting with success. He was active in civic affairs and for sixteen years served as supervisor of elections of Detroit, while his social activities were many and varied. He was particularly conspicuous in the Masonic order, in which he won a wide reputation, and was the founder of a number of Masonic bodies, including King Cyrus Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Damascus Commandery of

Knights Templar. He filled every office in Masonry and his eminent services received distinctive recognition when the honorary thirty-third degree was conferred on him. He died in Detroit, October 6, 1925, at the age of seventy-four years. Ella T. (Purcell) Macklem was born at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, and is a daughter of John Brant and Ella Theresa (Olive) Purcell, who were of English descent. Mrs. Macklem is still living in Detroit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Macklem was born one child, Glen E., who attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from high school, and entered the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then matriculated in the medical school of his alma mater, and later completed his course in the medical school of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, winning his M. D. degree in 1908. He took special studies in the New York Post-Graduate School, where he spent one year, at the end of which time he became house surgeon in Grace Hospital of Detroit. He served in a like capacity in the Louisville City Hospital, where he remained for two and a half years, and then returned to Detroit, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. In this he was successful and remained in that city until 1922, when he removed to Canton, Ohio, where he has continued in the active practice of his profession. He has made a deep and exhaustive study of diseases of women, on which he specializes and has been very successful in his work.

On October 31, 1908, in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Macklem was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Pohl, a native of that city and a daughter of Frederick B. and Henriette (Glaessner) Pohl, of a prominent and well known family of Detroit, a brother having been the founder of the Western Paper Box Factory. Dr. and Mrs. Macklem have three children: Oliver Virginia, born May 29, 1911; Dean Garfield, October 13, 1912, and June Norma, June 10, 1914. In his political views the Doctor is a republican and takes a helpful interest in public affairs. His religious connection is with the Church of The Nazarene, and he has shown an enthusiastic and consistent interest in the spiritual welfare of his fellowmen, devoting three days of each week throughout the year to evangelistic work. In this he has been particularly effective, having established a number of religious missions and has conducted evangelistic services in Detroit, Chicago, Columbus,

Cincinnati, Cleveland and other cities, in which he has been rewarded with gratifying results, many persons having been awakened to a religious life through his ministrations. The Doctor is an accomplished musician, playing a number of instruments, in which he derives great pleasure and also employs in connection with his religious work. Thus he has in the most practical way followed the example of his Master by "going about and doing good," and is held in grateful remembrance by hundreds whom he has helped, both physically and spiritually. A man of gracious personality, he makes a favorable impression on all with whom he comes in contact and throughout the community in which he lives is held in the highest respect and esteem.

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#### EMERY A. McCUSKEY

Emery A. McCuskey, who occupies a leading place in the ranks of the legal fraternity in Stark county, has attained this position through the force of his own personality and today he is honored as a man of high and worthy ideals, to which he has been faithful, so that in every respect he merits the respect which is accorded him by his fellowmen. Mr. McCuskey was born at West Lafayette, Coshocton county, Ohio, November 8, 1877, and is a son of Hiram and Margaret Isabel (Combs) McCuskey, the former born in Marshall county, West Virginia, November 15, 1850, and the latter, in Guernsey county, Ohio, June 24, 1853. The McCuskey family resided in county Tyrone, Ireland, whence came James McCuskey, the progenitor of the family in this country, who settled in Washington, Pennsylvania, about 1780. He married a daughter of George McComb, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Margaret Isabel (Combs) McCuskey was descended from Welsh-English stock, the family having been founded in this country by John Combs, who settled in Maryland early in the nineteenth century.

Emery A. McCuskey attended the public schools of Hudson, Ohio, graduating from high school in 1893, and then entered West Lafayette College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. On leaving high school, he began teaching in the public schools, being thus engaged at Hudson two years and at Gypsum three years. He served two years as prin-

cipal of the Empire high school and then became a member of the faculty of West Lafayette College, with which institution he remained four years. In the meantime he had been devoting his leisure hours to the study of law and in 1911 was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been engaged in the general practice of that profession, a very satisfactory measure of success attending his efforts. Mr. McCuskey expresses the keenest appreciation of the helpful influence of his mother in getting him started right on life's career. He was seven years old when his father died, and thereafter his mother devoted herself to his interests, to the end that character and the right ideals might be instilled in him. A noble parentage and early training along right lines have been the chief contributing elements to his subsequent success and the fact that he had to earn his own way from boyhood also was an invaluable aid to the formation of those principles which have marked his career. Mr. McCuskey is president of the Ohio Builders & Milling Company, Inc., of Canton; president of the Canton Citizens Finance Company; and vice president of The Macomber Steel Company.

On June 15, 1905, at Mentor, Ohio, Mr. McCuskey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret George, who was born in Tippecanoe, Ohio, a daughter of Andrew M. and Margaret (Birney) George, the former of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. McCuskey died July 14, 1923, leaving the following children: Dorothy, born November 12, 1906, and now attending Wooster College; Jean, born June 10, 1910; Richard George, March 23, 1912; and James Robert, December 17, 1915. On November 14, 1925, in Canton, Mr. McCuskey was married to Miss Elsie Wagner, who is a daughter of George H. and Viola (Nease) Wagner, formerly of Letart Falls, Ohio. Mrs. McCuskey, who is a descendant of the Marshall and Fairfax families of Virginia, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Women's Club, the Delphian Club, the League of Women Voters and the Child Conservation League, taking an active and effective part in the civic and social affairs of Canton.

In his political affiliation Mr. McCuskey is a democrat, but maintains an independent attitude in local elections, voting for men whom he considers best qualified for the offices they seek. He is a member of West Lafayette Lodge, No. 602, F. & A. M., belonging also to the chapter and council of the York Rite and Lake

Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R. He has membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, the Canton Club, the Torch Club, the Optimist Club, of which he is a past president; the Canton Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is vice president, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, of which he is president and a director, being also a national councilor of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is likewise a member of the Stark county, Ohio State and American Bar Associations. He served on the city civil service commission from 1916 to 1922, and during the last four years of that period was president. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. He has been true and loyal in all of life's relations, standing for the best things in community life, and commands to a marked degree the confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### ALEXANDER L. OSCAR

In the remarkable career of Alexander L. Oscar there is a striking exemplification of the fact that America is indeed the land of opportunity for those who have the persistency and determination to stick to a definite line of effort, backed by right ideals and sound common sense. From a humble beginning as a stranger in a strange land Mr. Oscar has gradually forged ahead and today is numbered among the successful and honored business men of Canton. He was born in Minsk, Russia, September 15, 1885, and is a son of Nathan and Judith (Bossichis) Oscar, also natives of Minsk, where they were reared and married. In 1905 they emigrated to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father engaged in educational work to the time of his death, which occurred in 1920, at the age of seventy-three years. In his native land also he had been an educator and was a man of learning and sterling character. His widow is still residing in Cleveland. They became the parents of three children, Alexander L., Isadore and Ruth, the last named now the wife of Al Goodman, of Cleveland.

Alexander L. Oscar received his early education in the public schools of his native city and in 1901, when sixteen years of age, emigrated to the United States, landing in New York city. He was

without acquaintances or friends here and had no knowledge of the English language. On the day after his arrival he secured employment in a retail grocery store in New York, starting on a salary of seven dollars a month, for which he worked eighteen hours a day. He remained in that store for a year, during which period he gained much valuable training, and in the meantime was taking advantage of every opportunity for promoting his education. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he obtained employment at the cigar-maker's trade, which he followed until May 7, 1904, when he enlisted in the United States army, in which he also found opportunity for self-improvement. Enlisting as a private, he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, where, eight months later, he was made a corporal, and six months afterwards became a sergeant, in which capacity he was detailed as an orderly for William Howard Taft, then secretary of war. In 1907 Mr. Oscar was honorably discharged from the service and, returning to Cleveland, he entered the employ of the clothing firm of Menter & Rosenbloom, with whom he learned the details of the retail clothing trade. On August 1, 1914, he came to Canton and opened a clothing department for the Globe Furniture Company, with which concern he remained until March, 1922, when he resigned and engaged in business on his own account, opening a clothing store at No. 310 East Tuscarawas street. In this venture success attended his efforts, his trade increasing to the extent that he was compelled to seek more commodious quarters, and on April 8, 1926, he moved to his present location at Nos. 200-2-4 East Tuscarawas street, where he carries a large and complete line of clothing and furniture, conducting the business under the name of the A. L. Oscar Company, of which he is president and general manager. He has one of the leading stores of the kind in Canton and is enjoying a steady and substantial growth in patronage, his store having gained a high reputation for courtesy, promptness and square dealing. Its slogan has been "Service with a smile" and this accurately describes the policy of the company, which from the beginning has enjoyed a steadily expanding business. The last word in dress characterizes the apparel departments, while in the home equipment sections of the store can be found everything that one may desire in the way of attractive modern furniture. Employees of the establishment have always been instructed to make courtesy their first principle in dealing with patrons and have found it to be a policy well worth following.

On February 18, 1912, in Cleveland, Mr. Oscar was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Rieger, who was born and educated in that city and is a daughter of the late Leopold Rieger, member of an old and prominent Cleveland family. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar are the parents of two children: Sanford A., who was born February 3, 1913, in Cleveland; and Robert M., born in Canton, June 18, 1917.

Mr. Oscar is a member of Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M.; Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P.; Canton Lodge, No. 233, L. O. O. M., the Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club. For the past eight years he has been vice president of Canton Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is an earnest, effective worker in behalf of that fine organization. He is vice president of the Jewish Community Center and a member of the American Jewish Congress. In 1907 Mr. Oscar took out his final naturalization papers in the common pleas court at Cleveland, thus becoming a full-fledged citizen, and in every respect has been loyal to his adopted country and its institutions. He was made a member of the commission for a new city hall, serving as a director, and worked hard for the consummation of the desired object, but the proposition was defeated at the polls. Mr. Oscar is president of the A. L. Oscar Realty Company and has other interests in this city, in the advancement and progress of which he has shown a deep interest. Enterprising and energetic in his business affairs, he has shown a progressive spirit in everything he has undertaken, and the success which is now his has come as the direct result of his well directed efforts.

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#### LOYAL E. LEAVENWORTH, M. D.

Dr. Leavenworth was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 11, 1888, and is a son of Clarence G. and Julia O. (Eldredge) Leavenworth. His grandfather, Captain Edward S. Leavenworth, was for many years very prominent in the educational affairs of Vermont. He served as an officer in the Union army during the Civil war and was one of the first to enter Richmond, Virginia, after its downfall. A Union flag waved by a Northern sympathizer in the city was given to Captain Leavenworth and is still in possession of the family. His wife was also a member of an old New England

family and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Clarence G. Leavenworth was born in 1860, in Charlotte, Vermont, and was a scion of an old New England family, of English origin, three brothers of the name having come to this country in 1650. Only one of these brothers had descendants, several of whom served in the Revolution and Indian wars. Clarence G. Leavenworth engaged in merchantile affairs, later turning his attention to the marble business, and in Cleveland, Ohio, he established the first branch of the Vermont Marble Company, the largest concern in its line in the world. He was connected with that company during the remainder of his active life, and died in Cleveland in November, 1912, at the age of fifty-one years. Julia O. (Eldredge) Leavenworth was born at Middlebury, Vermont, and is now living in Canton, Ohio. She is a daughter of Loyal D. and Wealthy (Parker) Eldredge, both of whom were members of prominent Vermont families, of English origin. To Clarence G. and Julia O. Leavenworth were born three sons and a daughter.

Dr. Leavenworth, the second in order of birth, attended the public schools of Cleveland, graduating from Central high school in 1906, and entered Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York, where he remained two and a half years, completing his classical studies in Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. He then matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve, and in 1914 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served one year as interne in the Rainbow Children's Hospital, also served in the Cleveland City Hospital, after which he remained as resident physician and demonstrator in obstetrics in the Western Reserve Medical School until 1916, when he came to Canton and engaged in the active practice of his profession. He specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, and is visiting obstetrician at Mercy Hospital.

On August 26, 1915, in Cleveland, Dr. Leavenworth was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Brown, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is a daughter of Marcus M. and Jeanette (Cadwell) Brown, of whom the former was well known in the business and professional circles of Chicago and Cleveland. He was a lawyer by profession, but later became extensively engaged in the real estate development of Cleveland, being a pioneer in developing that section known as The Heights. Dr. and Mrs.

Leavenworth have had four children: L. Eldredge, born September 20, 1916, and who died January 6, 1922; Philip C., born October 29, 1920; David E., born April 26, 1922; and Donald L., born March 16, 1925.

Politically Dr. Leavenworth is a staunch republican and served as a member of the county board of health in 1918. He is an active supporter of the Boy Scouts and is chairman of the leadership committee and the Court of Honor. He is a member of the Brookside Country Club and belongs to the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. During the World war the Doctor served in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Navy, which he entered as a junior lieutenant, and was honorably discharged March 17, 1919, as a senior lieutenant. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church.

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### CLARENCE ANDREW FISHER

Prominent among the able and successful members of the bar of Stark county stands Clarence A. Fisher, senior member of the well known law firm of Fisher, Leahy & Weintraub, of Canton. A thorough educational training and broad professional experience, backed by an alert and discriminating mind, have enabled him to achieve a distinctive success in the practice of law and he has long commanded a large and representative clientele. Mr. Fisher was born at Steubenville, Ohio, on the 17th of September, 1882, and is a son of Dr. Benjamin H. and Elizabeth (Rittenhouse) Fisher. His father, who was a son of John and Jane (Hart) Fisher, was born near Steubenville in 1839 and his wife was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1842. Dr. Fisher was graduated from a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1864, and in May of that year enlisted in Company D, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was appointed assistant surgeon of his regiment, and thus served until the close of the war, when he returned to Steubenville and practiced medicine there to the time of his death, November 13, 1906, his wife passing away eight days later.



*C. D. Fisher.*



Clarence A. Fisher attended the public schools of Steubenville, graduating from high school in 1900, and during the following year attended a normal school at Rochester, Indiana. He took a special course and, later, the law course at Ohio State University, and in 1902 entered the law school of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law, in 1904, later taking post-graduate work at that institution in 1905. He was admitted to the Michigan and Ohio bars that same year, was subsequently admitted to the United States district court and in 1917 to the United States supreme court. In 1904 Mr. Fisher engaged in the practice of his profession at Steubenville and in 1906 located in Canton, where he has remained to the present time. In 1909 he became a member of the law firm of Burch, Fisher & McCuskey, which, in 1913, became Fisher & McCuskey. Since 1921 he has been the head of the firm of Fisher, Leahy & Weintraub, with offices in the George D. Harter Bank building.

On December 3, 1906, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Alice Rogers, who was born in Owasso, Michigan, and is a daughter of Fred W. and Edna (Perkins) Rogers. She is a member of the Sorosis Club and the Woman's Club of Canton, and the Associated Artists, of Cleveland, Ohio. A graduate of the Cleveland School of Art, she also pursued her studies in oil and water color painting in the Berkshire School of Art in New York and in Julien Academy of Paris, and has but recently returned from Rome, where she studied at the Royal Academy and the British Art Academy. During her ten months' stay in Rome Mrs. Fisher painted a number of canvasas, her subjects including landscapes at Capri and quaint and unusual corners in the oldest part of Rome. Her work has attracted much favorable attention in the world of art.

When the United States entered the World war Mr. Fisher volunteered his services and, in April, 1918, was commissioned a captain in the American military forces. He was assigned to special duty with the Italian armies, being on the front in northern Italy during the critical campaign in the summer and fall of 1918. He was awarded the Italian war cross and an official citation for his able discharge of duty, and was honorably discharged in December, 1918. Prior to going into the army Mr. Fisher had served as government appeals agent with the draft boards of Canton and

Stark county. He is a member of the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution. In his political views he is a republican and during the years 1915-17 served as criminal prosecutor for Canton, and from 1917 to 1920 as city solicitor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. He belongs to the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is intimately acquainted with classical literature and has written some verse, collaborating with his brother in the publication of a volume of poems, and has also written a number of essays. He has taken an active interest in movements affecting the welfare of his city and county and has well earned the high place which he holds in public esteem, his abilities and attainments commanding the respect and admiration of all who know him.

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### JOSEPH MUNTER

The late Joseph Munter, of Canton, whose death occurred August 20, 1915, was a man of recognized ability and efficiency in business affairs, in which he realized a large measure of success. He lent his influence to the advancement of his community's best interests and in private life was a kindly and hospitable man, so that he enjoyed the esteem and friendship of all who knew him. Mr. Munter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 7th of April, 1867, and was a son of Joseph and Mary Munter. When he was quite young the family moved to Canton, where he was reared to manhood, receiving his educational training in the public schools. His first venture into the business world was as a member of the Munter & Williams Coal Company, with offices on Cherry street. This proved a successful venture and he remained identified with it for a number of years, when he sold out and was instrumental in organizing the Stark Brewing Company, which also was located on Cherry street, Canton. Some time later he sold his interest in that concern and organized the Home Brewing Company, with of-

fices on Second street, and became its secretary and treasurer, which position he held until the passage of the national prohibition law, after which the company engaged in the bottling of soft drinks, which it continued with success. Mr. Munter devoted his efforts indefatigably to the upbuilding of the business and at one time it ranked among the leading breweries of this locality.

In 1904 Mr. Munter was united in marriage to Miss Alice Wood and they became the parents of two children, Pauline and Mary. Mr. Munter was public-spirited and always worked for the promotion of the business and civic interests of his city, having been at one time a member of the board of public service. He was an earnest member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, to the support of which he contributed liberally, as he also did to other worthy benevolent and charitable causes. He was a friend to the friendless and gladly assisted many less fortunate than he, though all of his giving was done unostentatiously and without thought of public applause. He left surviving him his widow, his mother, and four sisters, Mary, Frances, Mrs. Ed Lincke, of Alliance, Ohio, and Mrs. Ed Nelins, of Detroit, Michigan, and three brothers, Anthony, Charles and John. Because of his business success, his kindness of heart and his cordial and friendly manner, he had a large circle of warm friends throughout the city in which he lived.

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#### RABBI CHARLES B. LATZ

During his four years' residence in Canton, Rabbi Charles B. Latz has won a high place in public esteem, being widely recognized as a man of marked ability, sterling character and fine public spirit, and has been an active factor in the advancement of the moral and civic welfare of the community. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 13th of January, 1888, and is a son of Samuel and Susanna (Van Horn) Latz. He is of German descent, his paternal grandfather, Louis Latz, having been one of six brothers who came to the United States in the early '40s and the only one to settle in St. Louis, the others locating in various parts of the country. He remained a resident of that city until within five years of his death, when he made his home with his son Samuel, in Kansas City, Missouri, where he died in 1893, at the age

of eighty-nine years. Samuel Latz was born in St. Louis in 1846, and later became a pioneer dry goods merchant of Kansas City, Missouri, where he is engaged in business to the present time. For the past thirty years he has engaged in an exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear garment and furnishings business, his establishment being the largest of its kind in that city, and, despite his advanced age, he still takes an active part in its management. His wife, Susanna (Van Horn) Latz, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1857, and died in Kansas City January 4, 1924, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was a daughter of John and Esther Van Horn, the former a member of an old and well known Pittsburgh family that came originally from Amsterdam, Holland, and was founded in Pennsylvania about 1800, by Rabbi Latz's great-grandfather. Mrs. Susanna Latz had three children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Charles B. and Jennette, who is the wife of Donald Dousman, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles B. Latz attended the public schools of Kansas City until graduated from Central high school in 1905, and later studied in the University of Cincinnati. He soon afterwards entered the Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati, in which he remained a student until 1914, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1909, that of Master of Arts in 1912, and the rabbinical degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1914, being ordained on June 20th of that year. From 1909 to 1914 he had served as a student rabbi at Danville and Champaign, Illinois, and after his ordination his first regular charge was at the United Hebrew congregation at Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he remained from 1914 to 1919. From there he was transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was pastor of Temple Israel until 1923, in which year he came to Canton and has since served the Canton Hebrew congregation. A man of liberal education and an able and forceful speaker, he commands wide interest and his congregations are steadily increasing. He has won a warm place in the hearts of his people here and his broad-minded views on public questions have gained him the respect and admiration of the people generally.

On April 28, 1915, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Rabbi Latz was united in marriage to Miss Sylvia Spritz, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Charles S. and Tillie (Levy) Spritz. Both represent well known old families of Cincinnati, the Spritz family having come originally from Germany, while the Levy fam-

ily is of Poland-German origin. Rabbi and Mrs. Latz are the parents of a son, Robert, born in Canton, September 1, 1924. Rabbi Latz is a member of Bell Point Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Indian Consistory, A. A. S. R., at McAllister, Oklahoma, in which he received the thirty-second degree. He belongs to the Exchange Club, the Chamber of Commerce; the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith, being president of Canton lodge, and the Canton Torch Club, of which he is vice president. In 1918-19 he served as president of the Arkansas State Welfare Conference. He is a member of the executive committee of the Family Service Society of Canton and chairman of its family advisory committee, and in every possible way he has shown a desire to cooperate in all movements of a beneficent nature leading to the uplifting and betterment of his fellowmen. Because of his splendid service, his excellent personal qualities and his kindly spirit, he is deservedly popular throughout the city. In November, 1917, Canton was represented by Rabbi Latz on the flying squadron of prominent laymen and rabbis who toured the country, urging American Jewish people to give liberal support to the work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliated bodies.

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### RICHARD E. CROASDAILE

An outstanding figure in business and financial circles in Canton is Richard E. Croasdaile, the president of R. E. Croasdaile & Company and also of the Century Finance Corporation. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His keen insight enabled him to quickly grasp every legitimate opportunity and step by step he has advanced until few men are so widely and favorably known in insurance and financial circles in Canton as he. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he is of Irish and English descent. His father, Dr. Richard Croasdaile, was born in Dublin, Ireland, April 21, 1861, and pursued his education in that country and in England until he entered Amherst College in Gera, Germany. The year 1886 found him in Utah, where he devoted three years to gold and silver mining. On the expiration of that period he became a travel-

ing salesman, covering territory in Colorado and Oregon, and for five years he was in Texas. He then became a resident of Columbus, Ohio, where he took up the practice of optometry, and later spent five years in the same line in Dayton. In 1900 he came to Canton, where he entered upon successful practice in the same field and is today widely known as a skilled optometrist in this section of the state. He belongs to the Episcopal church and is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. In 1897 he wedded Miss Emma E. H. Hurt, of Bristol, Virginia, and a representative of an old Virginian family of English origin that was established in America prior to the Revolutionary war by John Hurt, who was chaplain to George Washington. By her marriage Mrs. Croasdaile became the mother of two children: Richard E., and Cameron, who is associated with his brother in business.

The former is indebted to the public school system of Canton for his early educational opportunities. When he had finished a course in the Central high school by graduation with the class of 1916 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, in which he completed his studies. On the outbreak of the war he attended the Plattsburg training camp and was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry, with which rank he was discharged after serving for seven months. His military service had interrupted his educational program and after being mustered out of the army he returned to the university, where he completed his course as a member of the class of 1919. It was in July of the same year that he turned his attention to the insurance business in Canton and through the intervening years he has won a large clientele in the field of general insurance. Thoroughness, close application and determined purpose have been the salient features in his continued progress and he is now controlling an extensive business as representative of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the Standard Accident Insurance Company and the Employers Liability & Assurance Corporation of London, England, as well as a number of other substantial insurance interests. Furthermore, Mr. Croasdaile extended the scope of his activities when in 1926 he organized the Century Finance Corporation, of which he is the president and which was formed for financing automobile purchases.

In politics Mr. Croasdaile maintains an independent course where local questions are involved, voting for the man and not the

party. He belongs to Lathrop Lodge, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, R. A. M.; and to the Grotto. He is also a member of the Theta Delta Chi, the University Club, the Lions Club, the Sons of the American Revolution and St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. In these varied connections is seen something of the nature and breadth of his interests and of the high standards which characterize him in all the relations of life. He finds recreation in tennis and outdoor sports. He makes his home at 1542 Shorb avenue, northwest, and maintains his office in the Harter Bank building, where he has made his headquarters the source of unusual activity and of successful achievement. While he is one of the younger business men of the city, he already occupies an enviable position.

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### MAYER E. MARGOLIES

In the career of Mayer E. Margolies there have been exemplified business qualities which are bound to insure success in any undertaking—determination, persistency, economy, a willingness to learn and painstaking thoroughness in everything he has undertaken. He is now conducting a very successful real estate and insurance business in Canton and is highly regarded in the business circles of this city. Mr. Margolies was born on the 23d of April 1873, at Augustow, Poland, and is a son of Joseph B. and Sarah Leah (Sperling) Margolies. His father, who was a representative of an old, prominent and wealthy family, was born at Yanowo, Poland, and, prior to the World war, was successfully engaged in general merchandising at Augustow, his store being similar to the American department stores. But the devastation and destruction incident to the World war, which was actively prosecuted in the vicinity of Augustow, compelled him to take his family to a place of greater safety, and taking such things as they could safely transport, but leaving behind practically their entire worldly possessions, they found refuge in the town of his birth, where he remained, broken in spirit and health, until his death, which occurred February 11, 1916, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a man of strong character, lived a moral and righteous life and was greatly respected by all who knew him. His wife was born in

Augustow, Poland, and was a member of a prominent family of that community. Her death occurred in 1885, in the forty-second year of her age. To Mr. and Mrs. Margolies were born six children, five sons and one daughter: Sol, now a resident of New York city; Mayer E.; Naftali, a resident of Wilna, Poland; Mrs. Alta Yasinowski, of Lodz, Poland, and two who are deceased.

Mayer E. Margolies acquired his early education in the public schools of his native city and in 1890, at the age of seventeen years, emigrated to the United States, landing at New York city, an entire stranger, with no knowledge of the English language and ignorant of our customs and habits. Shortly after his arrival he secured employment in a tailors' trimmings establishment, at a salary of four dollars a week—hardly enough to enable him to live, but he was determined to work, and at the same time devoted every spare minute to acquiring an education, also attending night schools. Through his persistent effort, he made rapid progress in mastering the language and his faithful and efficient performance of his duties gained for him promotion so that at the time he resigned he was serving as a traveling salesman, in which capacity he improved his opportunity to acquire a knowledge of men and affairs generally. During this period also, he engaged in business on his own account. Locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he opened a tailors' trimmings establishment, which he conducted for several years, meeting with very encouraging success. Disposing of his business, he located in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, in which he continued for eight years, when he came to Canton, where he was similarly engaged until the enactment of the prohibition law. He then turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, in which he has met with well merited prosperity, being now general agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Brant building.

In 1904, in Canton, Mr. Margolies was united in marriage to Miss Josephine B. Dittenhofer, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is a daughter of Morris B. and Josephine Dittenhofer. Mr. and Mrs. Margolies have four children: Sarah Leah and Robert Lionel, both of whom are graduates of the McKinley high school and are now students in Ohio State University; Gertrude, deceased; and Joseph. Mr. Margolies took out his naturalization papers in the common pleas court of Stark county in 1893 and in

politics is a republican. He gave support to the Liberty Loan drives and other war measures and has in every respect been loyal to his adopted country. He is a member of Shara Torah Hebrew congregation, at McKinley avenue and Third street, and is treasurer of the Jewish Welfare League of Canton. He belongs to the Canton Real Estate Board and the National Real Estate Board. He is a man of fine personal qualities and commands to a marked degree the esteem and good will of all who come in contact with him.

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### ABE M. LUNTZ

The Luntz Iron and Steel Company, of Canton, of which Abe M. Luntz is treasurer, is one of the outstanding business concerns of northeastern Ohio and its splendid record reflects great credit on the ability, acumen and progressive spirit of the Luntz brothers, to whose initiative and sound judgment its development has been due. Abe M. Luntz was born on the 6th of March, 1893, in Akron, Summit county, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Wolf) Luntz, both of whom were natives of Poland, where they were reared and married. In 1889 they came to the United States, locating in Akron, where Mr. Luntz was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1895, when he removed to Canton. Here he has been similarly engaged. He is a trustee of the McKinley Avenue Jewish temple. To Mr. and Mrs. Luntz were born five children, three sons and two daughters.

Abe M. Luntz, the third in order of birth, attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from Central high school in 1913, and during his student days took a very active part in athletics, making an enviable record in football, basketball, and track sports. He was captain of the basketball team in 1913. During his vacation periods he always found employment in retail stores, mills and factories in order to acquire a broader knowledge of business methods. In 1916 he and his brothers organized the Luntz Iron and Steel Company, Inc., of which Darwin S. Luntz is president; Charles Luntz, vice president; Abe M. Luntz, treasurer; and William Goldsmith, secretary. They are jobbers in iron and steel products, a business which they have developed into one of the largest in their line in the United States, their shipments going to

all parts of this country and to foreign ports. During the World war the Luntz brothers devoted their entire time and efforts, including their plant and organization, to supplying the government with needed raw materials, and thus contributed in a very definite and practical way to the success of the government's war measures. They were also active in Liberty Loan and other drives. Mr. Luntz is also interested in other local enterprises, being a director of the American Exchange Bank of Canton, a director of the John Jacob Insurance Agency, the Chamber of Commerce and the Welfare Federation.

On October 16, 1916, in Canton, Mr. Luntz was united in marriage to Miss Fannye Teplansky, a native of Canton and a daughter of William and Hattie (Baer) Teplansky. Her father is one of the oldest retail merchants in Canton, conducting a men's furnishing business on East Tuscarawas street. To Mr. and Mrs. Luntz have been born five children, Robert, Richard, William, Joan and Ted. Mr. Luntz is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jewish Welfare League, of which he is president, the Jewish Community Center, and is a local member of the scout council and a national delegate of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of McKinley Avenue Temple. He has endeavored to do his full duty in every relation of life, has been a consistent advocate of measures for the betterment of his community, and is regarded as one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens, commanding the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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### WILLIAM HENRY PURCELL

Wisely utilizing the talents with which nature endowed him, William Henry Purcell has achieved the full measure of success, becoming a commanding figure in business circles of Alliance, his native city, and a leader in its industrial development. His birth occurred on the 19th of August, 1864, his parents being James and Ellen (Crowe) Purcell, natives of Ireland, whence they came to the United States as children and their residence in Alliance covered a period of about sixty years.



*W. H. Purcell*



In the acquirement of an education William H. Purcell attended the public schools of the city and his first business experience was gained with the Morgan Engineering Company, an Alliance firm, with which he spent twenty years. During that period he rose from the position of machinist apprentice to that of general manager and in 1901 tendered his resignation, at which time he organized the Alliance Machine Company. Since its inception Mr. Purcell has been president of this company, which was started with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars and is now rated among the city's million dollar corporations. Guided and controlled by an executive of broad experience and rare judgment, this has become a great asset to Alliance, and from the first year the business has paid six per cent or more on the investment. Its subsidiaries, the Machine Steel Castings Company and the Alliance Structural Company, have been on a paying basis since organization and are rapidly expanding. The Alliance Structural Company, formed in 1914, has been developed into a business valued at more than five hundred thousand dollars and the Machine Steel Casting Company, which was organized in 1921, is now a million dollar corporation. Both are paying dividends and are operated with their own capital. Throughout the period of their existence the three corporations have been self-sustaining, loaning money to local banks instead of seeking financial assistance from them. No bonds or preferred stock has ever been issued against the assets of either of the three companies: The Alliance Machine Company, The Machine Steel Castings Company, or the Alliance Structural Company. Mr. Purcell is president of the Machine Steel Casting Company, secretary of the Alliance Structural Company, president of the Alliance Toy & Specialty Company and the Buckeye Jack Company. He is vice president of the Alliance Twist Drill Company and the First National Bank of this city; chairman of the board of directors of the Alliance Steel Enamel Company, and a director of the McCaskey Register Company and the Transue-Williams Company, all of which are prosperous concerns.

Mr. Purcell was married April 14, 1891, in Alliance to Miss Gertrude Hartzell and they have become the parents of four children. Hazel, the eldest, who received her higher education in Mount Union College and has become one of its directors, is the wife of J. C. Rodman and the mother of a son, James. Dorothy

Purcell, the second in order of birth, married Owen Lewis, of Alliance, and they now have two sons, William Purcell Lewis and Merrick Lewis. The younger children of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell are: Robert A., who is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Ruth Ellen.

Mr. Purcell is a director of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce and a life member of the Congressional Club and the Army & Navy Club, both of Washington, D. C. He is also affiliated with the Capital Press Club of that city, the Old Colony Club of New York city and the Alliance Country Club, Alliance, Ohio, and the National Town and Country Club. When national issues are at stake he supports the republican ticket but votes independently at local elections, casting his ballot for the man whom he considers best qualified for office. He enjoys outdoor life and his favorite sports are golf and fishing. A man of strong character and forceful personality, Mr. Purcell has constantly broadened his field of usefulness, and is esteemed for the qualities to which he owes his success.

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### FRANK R. BLIZZARD

One of the most important industrial enterprises of Stark county is that of the Canton Car Company, Frank R. Blizzard being general manager. This concern has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth and in its successful record it reflects the able and progressive management of Mr. Blizzard, who is regarded as a business man of more than ordinary sagacity and foresight. Born in Camden, New Jersey, February 6, 1872, he is a son of John Armand and Clara Virginia (Parvin) Blizzard, of whom the latter died December 19, 1876. The Blizzard family, which is of French extraction, and is interwoven with a strain of American Indian blood, was established in this country prior to the war of the Revolution, and members of the family located in New Jersey. John A. Blizzard was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Camden, New Jersey, for a number of years, afterwards operated the Woodbury flour mills, at Woodbury, New Jersey, under the firm name of Blizzard & Pierce, and later again took up the wholesale grocery business in Philadelphia, which he conducted successfully to the time of his retirement in 1924.

Frank R. Blizzard attended the public schools of Camden and Woodbury, New Jersey, graduating from the high school at the former place in 1887. Entering the employ of the Emery Shirt Manufacturing Company, at Philadelphia, he had charge of the machines and operating department for two years, and then took charge of the Camden Light and Heat Company, the first electric plant in that city. Entering the employ of the Woodbury (N. J.) Electric Company, in charge of their plant, he later was placed in charge of the Atlantic City street railway plant, which he managed for one year. At Wheeling, West Virginia, he was connected with the Citizens Railway Company for a short time. He next went to Carbondale, Pennsylvania, where he had charge of the construction work of the Carbondale Traction & Electric Company, and on its completion was placed in charge of operation for one year. He went from there to Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where he had charge of the electric department of the Bryn Mawr Hotel Company, and later became chief engineer for the Camden Suburban Railroad Company. He next joined the Alpha Portland Cement Company, at Alpha, New Jersey, as engineer in charge and superintendent of plants One and Two, remaining there five years, after which he went to Manheim, West Virginia, where he completed the building of the Buckhorn Portland Cement Company's plant, which he operated for three years. Returning to the Alpha Portland Cement Company, he served as superintendent for fourteen years, and on October 6, 1920, came to Canton. He is with the Canton Car Company, which specializes in the manufacture and repair of open-top steel gondola freight cars, and the fabrication of steel products, and has a modern and well equipped plant in the southeastern part of the city, in which one hundred and fifty men are employed. Mr. Blizzard has largely contributed to the upbuilding of this business, in which he has met with distinctive success and has gained a place among the leading business men of this city.

On February 4, 1895, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Mr. Blizzard was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Altmeyer, who was born in Wheeling and died December 29, 1925. She was a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Quinn) Altmeyer, the former having been for some years manager of a nail mill in Wheeling, and was later with the Pacific Iron and Nail Mill in San Francisco, California. Martha Quinn came from the marble section of Vermont,

where her father was for many years employed as a marble cutter. To Mr. and Mrs. Blizzard were born the following children: John Armand, born on February 15, 1896, died in 1901; Paul Regis has been purchasing agent for the Canton Car Company since 1923; Harry Bran is deceased; Basil Francis has been assistant superintendent of the Canton Car Company since 1923. He married Hazel Margaret Gorman; Francis Raymond was formerly inspector for the Canton Car Company, but is now a student in Notre Dame University; May Altmeyer, Margaritta Agnes and Lillie Virginia complete the family. Mr. Blizzard was married January 4, 1928, to Anna Wells Davis, a daughter of Joseph Wells, who was First Sergeant of Marines on the U. S. Ship, Richmond, during the Civil war. She is a sister of Rev. Edward Wells, secretary of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference, and the widow of Joseph Davis of Camden, New Jersey.

In his political views Mr. Blizzard has always been a staunch republican and has taken an active interest in public affairs, having served as mayor of Alpha, New Jersey, in 1912-13. He was a member of Company D, Sixth Regiment New Jersey National Guard, for a number of years. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church in Canton, to which he gives generous support, and every worthy cause enlists his interest and assistance. He is a lover of outdoor life, fishing being his favorite form of recreation. His course has been characterized by integrity and faithfulness in every relation, and he stands high in the confidence and respect of those who know him.

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#### URBAN I. BOTT

Urban I. Bott, conducting an extensive plumbing business at 416 West Tuscarawas street, is numbered among the energetic and successful business men of Canton. He has a thorough technical knowledge of the trade, employs none but expert workmen, and takes a justifiable pride in the high quality of his work, which has been his best advertisement. Urban Innocenze Bott was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 9, 1884, and is a son of Urban and Regina (Hutzel) Bott, the former born in Preis-Fulda, Germany, and the latter at Fort Wayne, she being of German descent.

Urban Bott was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, at the close of which he came to the United States, locating first in Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed as a machinist for some years and then moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was similarly employed by the Wabash Railroad to the time of his death. Mrs. Bott's father, for many years a teaming contractor in Fort Wayne and one of the most highly respected residents of that city, died at the ripe age of ninety-one years.

Urban I. Bott secured his educational training in the parochial and high schools of Fort Wayne, and then took a commercial course in the Fort Wayne Business College. He spent one year in the office of the chief clerk of the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Fort Wayne, and then learned the plumbing trade with the M. F. Noll Company, of that city, remaining with that concern for five years. On March 8, 1906, Mr. Bott came to Canton and went to work as a general traveling salesman for the Novelty Iron Company, following that line for fifteen years. On May 15, 1920, he purchased the Mills Plumbing Company, which is one of the oldest and most reliable of Canton's sanitation companies, having been continuously in business for over thirty-five years, and in the conducting of this business he has shown himself enterprising and progressive. He has successfully handled many large contracts and does an extensive job and repair business.

On June 29, 1910, in Canton, Mr. Bott was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude L. Anthony, who was born in this city December 7, 1885, and is a daughter of Peter and Mary (Koehn) Anthony, both of whom are deceased. Her father was a native of Germany, where he had served as a burgomaster prior to coming to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Bott are the parents of three children: Jane Elizabeth, born April 12, 1913, and now attending St. Marie College, at Reed Urban, Ohio; Elnore Louise, born February 6, 1923; and Helen Virginia, born January 28, 1925. Mr. Bott gives his political support to the democratic party and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a trustee, and the Optimist Club. He and his wife belong to St. Peter's Roman Catholic church in Canton. Mrs. Bott is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Master Plumbers Association, the auxiliary to the United Commercial Travelers and the auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. Starting out in life with no capital except the determination to succeed, Mr. Bott has at-

tained success and stands today as a splendid example of that peculiarly American product, a self-made man. He has made the most of his opportunities, has conducted his affairs in accordance with the highest business principles, and as a private citizen he has shown himself loyal and true to the best interests of his community. Therefore he is accorded the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of Canton's worthy and dependable citizens.

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### ALF. CLIFFORD BALL, M. D.

The medical profession has an able and worthy exponent in Dr. Alf. C. Ball, of Alliance, who has successfully ministered to the ills of the people of this community for more than a quarter of a century, during which period he has held an exalted place in public confidence and esteem, being regarded as one of the most capable and dependable physicians of Stark county. Dr. Ball was born in Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, December 27, 1862, and is a son of Francis Marion and Matilda (Clinton) Ball. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Lucy (Arthur) Ball, of whom the former was born in Guilford, Columbiana county, Ohio, and died at Hanover, this state. He followed farming and also shoemaking to some extent. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Disciples church. His wife was born in Mechanicstown, Ohio, and died at Augusta. Francis Marion Ball was born at Augusta, Ohio, July 8, 1837, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, April 3, 1927. He had followed the hotel and restaurant business during the greater part of his active life and was widely and favorably known. He supported the republican party and was a member of the Presbyterian church and director of the choir. During the Civil war he served as a foreman in a government shop in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Matilda (Clinton) Ball was born in Augusta, Ohio, in May, 1841, and died in Hudson, Ohio, January 6, 1886. She was a daughter of Daniel G. and Dorothy (Small) Clinton, both of whom were born in Belfast, Ireland, and died in Augusta, Ohio. Mr. Clinton was a blacksmith and followed that trade during the most of his life. He was a republican in his political views and he and his wife were active members of the Dis-

ciples church. Three of their sons served in the Union Army during the Civil war.

Alf. Clifford Ball secured his early education in the public schools of Augusta and Dellroy, and received his pre-medical training in Western Reserve Academy, at Hudson, Ohio. He then matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he received his professional degree in 1895. He served as interne in the Charity Hospital in Cleveland and engaged in the practice of medicine at Tipton, Ohio, where he remained five years, after which he was for two years at Hicksville, this state, and for the same period of time at Kent, Ohio. In 1902 Dr. Ball came to Alliance and opened an office at 446 East Main street, where he has been located to the present time, and has commanded a large and representative practice. He has acquired a high reputation for his ability as a diagnostician, one of the most important branches of medical practice, and is frequently called into consultation by his professional colleagues, among whom his judgment is held in high regard.

Dr. Ball was married in August, 1885, in Hudson, Ohio, to Miss Eliza C. Denning, who was born in October, 1864, a daughter of William and Mary (Dean) Denning, of Kent, and died July 25, 1924, in Kent, Ohio. Their three children all died in infancy. On January 5, 1926, in Alliance, Dr. Ball was married to Mrs. Verna V. (Witherspoon) Smith, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, February 5, 1886, and is a daughter of Frank E. and Susan D. (Anderson) Witherspoon. Her father, who was born in Columbiana county, October 12, 1866, is now living in Alliance, where he is connected with the Stark Electric Company. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife was born in Columbiana county, August 16, 1859, and died in Alliance, April 24, 1924. Mrs. Ball was educated in the public schools of Alliance and Mt. Union College, in which she took a business course and studied music, and was employed as a stenographer prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Caldron, the Women of the Mooseheart Legion, and the auxiliary to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. During the World war she took an active part in Red Cross work and in the furtherance of other local war measures. By a former marriage Mrs. Ball is the mother of a son, Alton Edgar

Smith, who was born March 13, 1909, graduated from the Alliance high school in 1927 and is now a student in Mt. Union college.

In his political views Dr. Ball is a staunch republican, always loyal and progressive in his attitude towards public questions. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and maintains professional affiliation with the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the board and staff of the City Hospital and during the World war was on the medical reserve list, but was not called into active service, except as a member of the county examining board. Fraternally he is a member of J. M. McFadden Lodge, No. 697, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 212, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T.; Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland; Nazir Grotto, at Canton; Alliance Lodge, No. 467, B. P. O. E., of which he is a past exalted ruler; Alliance Lodge, No. 362, Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is a past dictator, and Lone Rock Lodge, No. 23, K. P. He is a member of the American Insurance Union and the Alliance Chamber of Commerce and has shown a live interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county. A man of high ideals and worthy purposes, his record in professional, fraternal and civic circles has gained for him the unqualified respect and good will of his fellowmen and he is recognized as one of his community's most useful and worthy citizens.

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#### KARL P. STERN

Karl P. Stern holds a prominent place among the younger business men of Canton, being vice president and general manager of the Stern-Mann Company, the largest establishment in its line in the state of Ohio. He has proven a judicious and capable business man and stands high in the commercial circles of his community. Mr. Stern was born in Canton, on the 4th of July, 1897, and is a son of Max and Clara (Weyl) Stern. His grandfather, Philip Stern, was a native of Germany, whence he came to the United States in 1837, settling in Pennsylvania. Max Stern was born and reared in Easton, Pennsylvania, acquired a public school educa-

tion, and in 1887 came to Canton, Ohio, where, entering into a partnership with Henry Mann, he established the present business, then as a modest retail establishment, which during the forty years that has since elapsed, has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth and is today one of the most important commercial institutions in Canton. Mr. Stern gave his close attention to the business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1915, when he was fifty-six years of age. Mrs. Stern still resides in Canton, beloved by all who know her. She was born and reared in western Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Adolph and Rose Weyl, both of whom were of German extraction and became early settlers of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Stern were born two children, Karl P. and Helen, who is the wife of Karl Hermann, of New Rochelle, New York.

Karl P. Stern secured his educational training in the public schools of Canton, graduating from high school, after which he obtained a position in the great house of John Wanamaker, in New York city. After two years of valuable experience there, he returned to Canton and has since been associated with the Stern-Mann Company, of which he became vice president and general manager in 1921. He has displayed business qualities of the highest order and, under his able supervision, the business maintains the splendid record which has characterized it since its foundation four decades ago.

On September 1, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Stern was united in marriage to Miss Nell Phillips, who was born in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio. In his political views Mr. Stern is an ardent republican and has taken an active interest in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his home city, being at the present time a member of the city smoke commission. His religious connection is with the McKinley Avenue Hebrew Temple. He is devoting himself closely to the interests of the great business of which he is the executive head, and is justifiably proud of its history and record. The business was established on February 2, 1887, on South Market street, between Second street and the public square, and has expanded in size until today it occupies three floors of a building sixty-six by two hundred feet, embracing fifty-two thousand square feet of floor space. It is known as a women's specialty store and carries a large and complete line of goods, while the store is in every respect up-to-date in its appointments and service, enjoying a well-merited popularity among discriminating

buyers. A cordial and friendly manner has gained for Mr. Stern the friendship and good will of all who have come in contact with him and he is held in high regard throughout the city in which he lives.

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### JOSEPH M. BLAKE

Joseph M. Blake has been a life long resident of Canton, having been born here on the 13th of October, 1875, and is a son of John F. and Elizabeth O. (Meyer) Blake. John F. Blake, who is deceased, was born at Bridgewater, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Patrick Blake. John F. Blake, who was for many years, a resident of Canton, was a man of ability, character and influence, having been prominent in the civil and political affairs of the city, which he served three terms as mayor. The Meyer family was established in Canton in pioneer days and owned a large acreage adjoining Meyer's lake, which is situated along the western boundary of Canton. To John F. and Elizabeth O. Blake were born five children, namely, Joseph M., John T., Lillian Beatrice, who is the wife of Harry M. Naugle of Canton; Esther, who is the widow of the late Hugh Correll; and Katherine Irene.

Joseph M. Blake attended the public and parochial schools of Canton. After going through high school, he took up the study of law in the office of Day, Lynch and Day, completing his law studies at Ohio State University, and was admitted to the bar in 1897 and ever since has been engaged in the active practice of his profession in this city, being associated with his brother, John T. Blake, under the firm name of Blake and Blake, who conduct a general practice, with offices in the Schaefer Block.

In June, 1915, in Canton, Mr. Blake was married to Elmyra Maxima Wilkin, a daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. J. Foster Wilkin, of New Philadelphia, the former of whom was judge of the supreme court of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Blake are the parents of two children, Robert Wilkin, born March 13, 1918, and Joseph Meyer, who was born April 6, 1916, and died March 14, 1927.

In his political views, Mr. Blake supports the republican party on national issues. He is a Roman Catholic, a member of the various clubs, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and belongs



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to and is ex-president of the Stark County Bar Association and a member of the Ohio State and the American Bar Associations. He has been successful and is a stockholder in various corporations and a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Canton.

For diversion, Mr. Blake, for many years, has hunted big game, farmed extensively, and taken a keen interest in aviation. He made the first non-professional ballon flight from Canton many years ago, along with Frank S. Lahm and Gordon Mather.

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### ABRAHAM L. HELLING

Abraham L. Helling, of Canton, is not only held in high regard as an erudite and successful lawyer, but all who are familiar with his record accord him marked respect because of what he has accomplished through his own unaided efforts, as he has from boyhood fought his way, step by step, to his present honorable position in his profession. Mr. Helling was born in Snovsk, province of Chernivog, Russia, on the 12th of June, 1903, and is a son of Harry and Dorothy (Soskin) Helling, who also were natives of that locality. His father was engaged in river transportation, conducting a ferry boat over the river, but was ambitious for better things, and, believing that in the United States lay greater opportunities for individual advancement, and that here his children might enjoy the fruits of personal liberty and an equal privilege with others in material, social and spiritual things, irrespective of creed or nationality, he decided to make the change. He brought his family to this country in 1907 and came direct to Canton, Ohio, where he has found the fulfillment of his ideals and aspirations. Soon after arriving here, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, establishing a retail grocery store, in the conduct of which he met with very satisfactory success, so that he is now retired from active business affairs and is enjoying the fruits of a well spent and industrious life. He is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. To him and his wife were born four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Abraham L. is the eldest.

Abraham L. Helling acquired his early education in the Liberty school, at Liberty avenue and Ninth street, Canton, and then en-

tered Central high school, completing his course in the McKinley high school, from which he was graduated in 1922. He entered Ohio State University, but later transferred to Georgetown, University, at Washington, D. C., where he took up the study of law, completing his law course, however, in Ohio State University as a special student. In 1925 he passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice. During the ensuing year Mr. Helling was in the office of Harry Nusbaum, to whom he acknowledges his indebtedness for valuable and practical experience and kindly advice. He then engaged in practice alone and has met with a degree of success that marks him a man of keen and vigorous mentality, capable and resourceful in the trial of causes and reliable as an office counselor, thus winning the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of those who have employed him.

Mr. Helling is a member of the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is an active supporter of the democratic party and served as secretary and treasurer of the democratic county campaign committee in the fall of 1927. In 1926 Mayor Stanford M. Swartz appointed him a member of the city recreation commission. He is a member of the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith, of which he was secretary and is now vice president; is a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Welfare League; is the present secretary of the United Jewish campaign; is taking a prominent part in local Zionist affairs; and was president of the Metro Club. Mr. Helling worked his way through college, accepting any kind of employment in order to meet his expenses, and is entitled to full credit for his pluck and persistence in forging ahead, regardless of obstacles. He is a man of strong social impulses and throughout the community in which he lives enjoys well merited popularity.

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#### ALVIN L. WALTER

The career of Alvin L. Walter, the veteran horse trainer and driver of Canton, has been a most interesting one and has been marked by more than ordinary success, so that he stands today as one of the best known and most highly esteemed horsemen in this part of the country. He was born in West township, Colum-

biana county, Ohio, on the 30th of April, 1868, and is a son of Benezette and Matilda (Messmore) Walter, the former born near Lisbon, Ohio, May 4, 1838, and the latter at Chambersburg, August 30, 1837. The paternal grandfather, John Walter, who settled in Columbiana county, was of Pennsylvania German stock, as was his grandmother, whose family name was Essig.

Mr. Walter secured his education at the Baird school in Columbiana county, which he attended during the winter months, the remainder of his time being given to the work of his father's farm. He quit school in the fall of 1889 and worked for his father until 1895, when he began training and racing horses at Minerva, Stark county. His real start was made in about 1888, at which time his father and another man had a few racing horses, for the care of which they hired a trainer. Mr. Walter usually helped to train the horses in the mornings and worked on the farm in the afternoons. One day the trainer became incapacitated for service and, as Mr. Walter's father was anxious to see a favorite horse work out that day, he had his son put the horse through his paces. Alvin had always contended that the horse should be worked with blinders on, and fitted him out accordingly. So satisfactory was his work on that occasion that his father then put him on as trainer. His first race was at Mineral City at a 4th of July celebration in 1888, and he won, the time being about 2:29. From then to the present Mr. Walter has never been tempted to leave the business to which he has devoted his life. In 1900 he located at the Stark county fairgrounds, where he established a public stable and in the fall of that year raced a string of horses through the south, beginning at Atlanta, Georgia, and completing the season at Jacksonville, Florida. He then located on the Toomey stock farm, at Dover, Ohio, where during the following twenty-one years he operated general breeding and training grounds, and in the spring of 1921, again established a stable at the Stark county fairgrounds, and at that time also moved his family to Canton. He operates a first-class stable and is enjoying well merited prosperity. During his career Mr. Walter has been part owner and raced a number of fine horses, including "Trampsmug," 2:03¾, "Trampanew," a pacer with a mark of 2:06¼; and many others in the 2:10 list; "Mason Mathew," a trotter, 2:13¼; "Alice Nims," 2:19¼, and "Cora Mack," 2:12¼, some of these horses racing in the old high-sulky days. He has recently bought three colts, one by "Arion Guy," 1:09½,

another by "Peter Pluto," 2:05¼, and third by "Mr. McElwin," 1:59¼, and is very hopeful, and justifiably so, that these will develop into money winners. He is regarded as an expert and dependable horse trainer, with a thorough understanding of all the foibles and temperaments peculiar to equine flesh, and commands the absolute confidence of all who have been associated with him, for he has a well-established reputation for painstaking thoroughness, sound judgment and honorable dealing.

On December 19, 1902, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Mr. Walter was united in marriage to Miss Mary Catherine Allman, who was born at Strasburg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, September 17, 1877, and is a daughter of Charles and Malinda (Beck) Allman, both of whom were of German ancestry. Mrs. Walter's Grandfather Beck came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in an early day and settled between Dover and Winfield, while her paternal Grandfather Allman was a minister of the Gospel, being a circuit rider in Pennsylvania. Mr. Walter has always supported the republican party in politics, but has been too busy a man to take a very active interest in public affairs. He is a kindly and generous man in disposition and cordial and friendly in manner, has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout this part of the state and is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

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### HOMER C. DEUBLE

The distinction of having the oldest jewelry and watchmaking establishment in the state of Ohio belongs to the George Deuble Company, of Canton, the business having been in continuous existence for almost one hundred years. Still more noteworthy is the fact that during all these years it has been carried on by the Deuble family, the present owners being of the third generation identified therewith. The reputation of this house is too firmly established to require an encomium here—suffice it to say that its owners have ever stood in the front rank of the community's business men and citizens and have commanded the confidence and respect of their fellowmen.

The Deuble family was established in Stark county by George Deuble, who was born in Baden, Germany, in 1799, was there

reared and educated and learned the jeweler and watchmaker's trade, in which he became an expert. In young manhood he emigrated to the United States, settling at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where for a time he was engaged in business. He was married in Pennsylvania and in 1833 came to Canton and opened a jewelry and watchmaking shop. Satisfied that he had chosen the right location, he brought his wife and sons, George, Jr., and Martin, to Canton, which then had a population of about eighteen hundred. At that time he had one competitor, who had preceded him here, but Mr. Deuble's skill in his profession soon attracted attention and custom and his business enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. When the first Stark county courthouse was erected, Mr. Deuble was chosen to construct a town clock on it. The work was done entirely by hand, at a cost to the city of three hundred dollars, at that time a tidy sum of money. However, the money was well invested, for the old clock did splendid service for many years and on the demolition of the first courthouse the clock became the personal property of the Deuble family and is now in possession of his grandsons, who prize it as one of their most valuable heirlooms. The present courthouse clock, installed at a cost of seven thousand five hundred dollars, keeps no better time than the old clock, nor is it destined to a greater longevity. The business was originally established where the New Vickery building now stands, on North Market street, and there remained until 1864, when a removal was made to the present location at 130 Market avenue, south. George Deuble carried on the business until his death, which occurred in 1860, when he was sixty-one years of age. He was succeeded by his two sons Martin and George Deuble, Jr., both natives of Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. The latter was born October 4, 1832, and was but a baby when brought to Canton by his parents. He was educated in the public schools of this city. The brothers became associated with their father in the jewelry business, to the ownership of which they succeeded at the father's death. In 1886, Horace E. Deuble, son of George Deuble, Jr., entered the business and three years later his youngest son, Homer C., also became identified with it. George Deuble was not only a successful business man, but was also conspicuous in the civic affairs of Canton, in which he was actively interested for many years. He served for a number of years as a member of the board

of education and did his full part in promoting the best interests of the city. He was an active member of the First Reformed church and acted as church organist for thirty years, being an accomplished musician and playing a number of instruments, though the pipe organ was always his favorite medium of expressing his musical taste. Mr. Deuble died in 1908, at the age of seventy-four years and his death was regarded as a distinct loss to the community which had been honored by his citizenship. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Caroline Herbruck, was born in Canton in 1836, and died in 1920, at the age of eighty-four years. Her father, Rev. Peter Herbruck, was born in Germany in 1813, was there reared and educated, and came to the United States at the age of nineteen years. He became a minister of the Reformed church and served as pastor of the First Reformed church of Canton for fifty-three years, his death occurring in 1895. To George and Caroline Deuble were born six children: Laura, Alice, Norman, Walter, Horace E. and Homer C., of whom Norman is deceased.

Homer C. Deuble was born in Canton, on the 11th of August, 1873, and secured his education in the public schools of this city. At the age of sixteen, he became connected with his father's business, learning all branches of the trade, and has since been continuously identified therewith giving his attention to a great extent to executive management. He and his brother have conducted the business in accord with the high standards followed by their father and grandfather, and the success which is theirs is the legitimate reward of the highest quality of workmanship and long years of honorable dealing. Homer C. Deuble is the sole owner of the King Laundry, located at 1943 Fifteenth street, northeast, and is a director of the First Savings Bank and Loan Company of Canton.

On October 20, 1897, in Canton, Mr. Deuble was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Holwick, a native of Canal Fulton, Stark county, and a daughter of Daniel Holwick. She is a member of the Canton Women's Club and the College Club and is a teacher in the Sunday school of Trinity Reformed church. Mr. and Mrs. Deuble are the parents of a son, Norman, who was born in 1898 and married Miss Mabel Combs. Mr. Deuble was made a Master Mason of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., in 1900, and is a member of Canton Consistory, A. A. S. R. He also be-

longs to the Congress Lake Country Club and the Lakeside Shrine Club. He and his wife are members of Trinity Reformed church, in the activities of which they are deeply interested. A man of marked business ability, straightforward and candid in all of his relations, he is regarded as one of Canton's leading men of affairs and one of its most substantial and dependable citizens.

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### JAMES KLEIN

A striking instance of the success which comes as the legitimate reward of consecutive and determined effort along rightly directed lines is noted in the record of the business career of James Klein, president of the Famous store, in Canton. Starting out in early youth to make his own way in the world, Mr. Klein was guided by integrity and high business principles which enabled him in the course of time to realize his ambition, the culmination of which is the great establishment of which he is now the head. Born in Taya, Hungary, on the 6th of September, 1889, he is a son of Joseph and Josephine (Seitner) Klein. His father also was born at Taya, where his family had long been prominent and influential, and he was there reared and educated. In the '90s he came to the United States, locating in St. Louis, Gratiot county, Michigan, where he still lives and where he conducts a successful mercantile business. He is a republican in politics and is active in all civic affairs. His wife was born at Abauyszanto, Hungary, of a well known family, and is a sister of David Seitner, a prominent merchant in Canton. Joseph and Josephine Klein had seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living.

James Klein, the eldest, was educated in the public schools of St. Louis, Michigan, to which locality he was taken as a child, and at the age of seventeen years he started to earn his own livelihood. He was first employed by the firm of S. Messinger & Company, in whose department store at Alma, Michigan, he worked for four years, during which period he made it his business to learn every detail of the business, which largely pertained to dry goods and kindred lines. Later he worked for D. W. Robinson at Alma, with whom he remained until 1915, when he came to Canton and, in partnership with his uncle, David Seitner, organ-

ized the Seitner Company. In 1916 Mr. Klein started what is known as the Famous store. This proved a successful venture and has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth through the years. The business was incorporated in January, 1927, with Mr. Klein as president and treasurer and O. K. Barbour as vice president and secretary. They handle a large and complete stock of ladies' ready-to-wear garments and auxiliary lines and have earned a reputation for high-grade goods and square dealing that has gained for them the patronage and good will of the representative people of the community. The growth of the business demanding more space, in the fall of 1927 the Famous store acquired the second floor over the Weil shoe store, adjoining their store, and the upper floor of both buildings is being remodeled to meet their needs. Another noteworthy improvement is the rebuilding of the entrance to the Famous store into an arcade, forty feet deep with side windows. All departments will be enlarged and the store is now affiliated with one of the largest buying organizations in New York city, thus affording exceptional opportunity for securing the latest styles in women's wear and kindred lines.

On June 9, 1920, in New York city, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Gerstle, who was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerstle. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are the parents of three children: Jane Louise, born March 5, 1921; Marjorie, born November 31, 1922, and James, Jr., February 6, 1925. Mrs. Klein graduated from Columbia University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is an active member of the Women's Club and the Sorosis Club of Canton. She is president of the McKinley Avenue Temple Sisterhood and a member of the board of the National Sisterhood. In his political views Mr. Klein is a republican and has shown a deep interest in everything relating to the welfare of his city, state or nation. During the World war he showed his patriotic spirit by enlisting, in the spring of 1918, in the Ordnance department of the United States Army. He was in training for three months and was then sent overseas, where he was connected with the same department until the close of the war, being stationed at Mehur, the largest ordnance depot in France. He was made a sergeant and after the signing of the armistice was sent to Paris, where he served in connection with the peace commission for a period of four months. He then returned home and was honorably dis-

charged in July, 1919. Mr. Klein is a member of Alma Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M., at Alma, Michigan; Bay City Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Bay City, Michigan; and Elf Khurafeh Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Saginaw, Michigan, and also belongs to the Lakeside Shrine Club of Canton, the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the board of the McKinley Avenue Hebrew Temple, and has shown a deep interest in benevolent and charitable causes. He is a man of broad views and well defined opinions, has been influential in the civic affairs of his city and commands the sincere respect of all who know him.

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### RUSSELL H. MACK

Russell H. Mack, one of Canton's well known attorneys, now serving as first assistant city solicitor, is a man of distinctive character and possesses the essential qualities of the successful lawyer, being thoroughly capable and reliable in his professional work. Mr. Mack was born in Canton, April 10, 1896, and is a son of Elmer E. and Alma C. (Harvey) Mack. The father was born in Canton and is of German and French ancestry, while the mother was born in Brookville, Pennsylvania, and is of English and Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Mack attended the public schools of Canton, and after graduating from high school took a classical course in Cornell University. His professional education was received in the Cincinnati Law School and in 1921 he was admitted to the bar, since which time he has devoted his attention closely to the practice of law, in which he has met with splendid success, having built up a large and remunerative practice. He is a member of the firm of Black, McCuskey, Ruff & Souers, with offices in the Harter Bank building. In 1922 Mr. Mack was appointed police prosecutor of Canton, in which capacity he served two years, and in 1926 became first assistant city solicitor, which position he still holds. He enlisted during the World war in Company B, 379th Infantry, 95th Division, and was on duty at Camp Sherman. He was honorably discharged December 18, 1918.

On May 18, 1918, in Canton, Mr. Mack was united in marriage to Miss Ruth McLain, who is of Scotch-Irish and German descent

and is a daughter of P. L. and Anne (Fast) McLain, the former born in Massillon, Ohio, and the latter in Canton, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Mack are the parents of two children, Russell McLain and John Pennington. Mr. Mack gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious connection is with the Baptist church. He is a Mason and a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, the Sons of the American Revolution, the American Business Club, the Brookside Country Club and the University Club. A man of earnest purpose and sterling integrity and straightforward at all times, he is also cordial and friendly in his social relations, and commands the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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### FRANK AUSTIN HOILES

High on the list of the successful and influential business men of Alliance stands the name of Frank A. Hoiles, owner and publisher of the Alliance Review and actively identified with a number of large industrial concerns, in the development of which he has been a leading factor. He was born on his father's farm near Alliance on the 9th of March, 1866, a son of Samuel H. and Anna P. (Ladd) Hoiles. The father was born in 1840 near Georgetown, Ohio, and was reared on a farm on which now stand the plants of the Alliance Machine & Steel Company, the Alliance Clay Product Company and plant No. 2 of the Alliance Brick Company. He devoted his active years to farming, and his death occurred in Alliance in December, 1912. He supported the republican party and was a member and trustee of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. His parents were James and Barbara (Oyster) Hoiles, the former of whom was born at Georgetown and died on his farm one mile east of Alliance, where he had followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and voted the republican ticket. His wife was born east of Alliance and died at the home of her son, S. H. Hoiles. Anna P. (Ladd) Hoiles was born east of Alliance and died at the Hoiles home south of Alliance in November, 1906.

Frank A. Hoiles secured his early education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, and also attended Mount Union



*J. A. Hoiles*



College. When nineteen years old he began teaching school in this county, following that profession for seven years, and at the age of twenty-one years was given a five-year county certificate, the only one granted a teacher of that age in Stark county. In 1890 he became an apprentice printer, at which he served for several months without pay in order to gain desired experience. While engaged in teaching he realized that the text books in arithmetic then in use were lacking in clarity and elaborateness of explanation, so to supply this deficiency he published an arithmetic of his own, which he used successfully as a teacher, and then published it as a teacher's help. The value of the work received prompt recognition and it ran into five editions, receiving high commendation from educators. Mr. Hoiles also published a history, which was well received.

In 1891 Mr. Hoiles formed a partnership with Comus Penny, under the firm name of Hoiles & Penny, and opened a job printing office in the Memorial block. In the following year he bought out his partner and then consolidated the business with R. M. Scranton, the firm continuing as Scranton & Hoiles until December 1, 1894, when Mr. Hoiles sold out to his partner and bought an interest in the Alliance Review, of which he has been the controlling factor for nearly thirty-four years, he and Mrs. Hoiles now owning the business. He has been highly successful in this enterprise and as he has prospered he has invested in other business concerns. He is president of the Alliance Brick Company, which owns three plants, one in Alliance and two in Pennsylvania; is president of the Morrison Jack Company; president of the Hoiles Realty Company; president of the Darlington Fireproofing Company, at West Darlington, Pennsylvania; president of the Electric Furnace Company, of Salem, Ohio; and president of the Industrial Realty Company, of Alliance. He is thus at the head of seven organizations employing as many men as are under the executive control of any other man in Alliance, though the plants are not all in this city. A man of keen and discriminating mind, sound judgment in practical matters and progressive in his methods, he has well merited the splendid success which has come to him and is numbered among the business leaders of this part of Ohio.

Mr. Hoiles has been married twice, first, on September 22, 1887, in Alliance, to Miss Mattie Guthrie, who was born November 30, 1869, and died in this city in January, 1904. She was a

daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wickersham) Gutherie, both of whom are deceased. In 1905 Mr. Hoiles married Miss Alice C. Jones, who was born in Delaware, Ohio, May 30, 1881, a daughter of Arthur H. and Josephine (Phelps) Jones. Her father was born in Circleville, Ohio, and died in Colorado. He was a farmer and a raiser of thoroughbred stock. He supported the republican party and represented Delaware county in the Ohio house of representatives from 1902 to 1906. His religious faith was that of the Protestant Episcopal church. He was a son of Judge T. C. Jones, of Delaware, Ohio, and a brother of William Jones, dean of Bexley Hall, an Episcopal college at Gambier, Ohio. Mrs. Josephine (Phelps) Jones was born at Westerville, Ohio, and now resides in Alliance. Mrs. Hoiles was educated in the public schools of Delaware and studied voice at Ohio Wesleyan University and in Columbus. She possesses a splendid soprano voice and prior to her marriage sang for eighteen months in the quartet of the Presbyterian church at Delaware. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Mount Union College Women's Club, the Sorosis Club, the Clothonian Circle, is secretary of the Alliance Women's Club, of which she is also a director, and is president of the Young Women's Christian Association of Alliance, in which she has been very active, as she has also been in Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoiles are the parents of seven children, namely: Arthur J., born March 29, 1906, was graduated from the Alliance high school; attended Mount Union College and Ohio University, and is now associated with his father in the brick manufacturing business. On February 18, 1928, he married Miss Martha McHenry, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph McHenry, of Minerva, Ohio. Winifred G., born November 25, 1907, was graduated from Alliance high school; attended Ohio Wesleyan University and Mount Union College, and is now the wife of Richard E. Coe, a son of A. H. Coe, of Canton, Ohio, and associated with the Electric Furnace Company, of Salem, Ohio. Margaret A., born December 27, 1908, was graduated from Alliance high school and attended Ohio Wesleyan University, and is the wife of Arthur E. Gose, a son of Mrs. Sauk Kinser, of Canton, Ohio, and connected with the Alliance Brick Company. Samuel H., born December 7, 1911, is a sophomore in the Alliance high school. Thomas L., born March

20, 1913, died March 25, 1913. Josephine P., born April 6, 1918, and Frank A., Jr., born January 4, 1923, complete the family.

Mr. Hoiles gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has long been actively interested in public affairs. In 1903 he was chosen to represent Stark county in the Ohio house of representatives and served during the sessions of 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908, being a member of the finance committee during the entire period of his service. He is a member of the board of education of Alliance, and was at the head of the Alliance drive for an endowment fund for Mount Union College, one and a quarter million dollars being secured. He is now a trustee of that institution. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce from its organization and has served two terms as president. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Alliance Country Club and the Congress Lake Club, while fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a member and trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal church, on the official board of which he has served for thirty years, and is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the work of which he is deeply interested. Although his life has been a busy one, his business affairs making heavy demands on his time, Mr. Hoiles has never neglected his duties as a citizen, but has at all times been ready to cooperate in the advancement of measures for the promotion of the public welfare along material, civic, moral or educational lines. His career has conferred honor on his community, and his business ability and sterling qualities of character have gained for him a high place in public confidence and regard, for he has stood consistently for those things which are constructive and elevating in character.

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#### ALLISON D. THOMPSON

Allison D. Thompson, vice president of the Peoples Bank Company, of Alliance, has gained a high place in the financial circles of Stark county through his ability and efficiency, and is also prominently identified with civic affairs of this city. Born at Salineville, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 10th of May, 1886,

he is a son of William A. and Eva (DeVeny) Thompson. His paternal great-grandparents were William and Margaret (George) Thompson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Jefferson county, Ohio, and both died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of Robert G. Thompson, who was born in Pittsburgh in 1827 and died at Salineville, Ohio. In early life he followed shoemaking, but later turned his attention to farming. He served in the Union Army throughout the Civil war, gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the United Presbyterian church. He married Miss Jane Hutson, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and died in Salineville. They were the parents of William A. Thompson, who has for many years been cashier of the Peoples Bank Company, of Alliance, and who is referred to elsewhere in this work.

Allison D. Thompson graduated from high school at Salineville in 1902, and then attended Culver Summer Schools, Culver, Indiana, and Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He was then employed in the office of the county treasurer of Columbiana county, Ohio, for five years, during the last three years of which period he served as cashier, resigning that position to become assistant cashier of the Peoples Bank Company, of Alliance, upon its organization in 1907. He held that position until January 10, 1928, when his loyal and capable service brought him deserved promotion and he was made vice president, which office he is now filling.

On November 3, 1914, in Alliance, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Lillian E. Watkins, who was born in North Tonawanda, New York, June 27, 1889, and is a daughter of Fred W. and Bessie J. (Hall) Watkins. Her paternal grandparents were Caleb and Charlotte (Monroe) Watkins, both of whom were born in New York state. He was long engaged in a mercantile business in North Tonawanda, New York, from which he had retired, and his death occurred while on a visit to Alliance, Ohio. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gave his political support to the democratic party, being active in public affairs and holding some local offices. His wife was a native of New York state and died in Dunkirk, that state. Fred W. Watkins was also born in New York and died at Dunkirk, that state, on April 18, 1927. For forty years he was an employe of the New

York Central Railroad and at the time of his death was assistant superintendent of the Erie division. He was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. His wife, who was born at Randolph, New York, and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, in Alliance, is a daughter of Lyman J. Hall, of Randolph, New York. Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of the Alliance high school and attended Mt. Union College. She is a member of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of two children, namely: Christine Virginia, born May 14, 1917, and Ruth, born on December 11, 1922.

Mr. Thompson has always given his support to the republican party and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He served two terms as treasurer of the city of Alliance and served as a member and part of the time president of the board of sinking fund trustees, while during the World war he took a very active part in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T., and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is treasurer of the Kiwanis Club and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, while his religious connection is with the United Presbyterian church. He has taken a deep interest in the Culver Summer School Alumni Association, of which he has been president. A man of far-sighted judgment, fidelity of purpose and friendly manner, he has a large acquaintance, among which he is held in the highest regard. Mrs. Thompson is a member of Jane Bain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and at present is treasurer of the Chapter, also a member of Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority.

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#### ANDREW M. McCARTY

One of the distinguished members of the Stark county bar is Andrew M. McCarty, who, after forty-five years of honorable and successful practice, is now practically retired. Possessing a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the law and a keen and analytical mind, he has always been regarded as one of the leaders of his profession in Canton, having the respect of his colleagues and the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. Mr.

McCarty was born on the 6th of September, 1857, near Leesville, Carroll county, Ohio, and is a son of James L. and Mary (Bontrager) McCarty. The progenitor of the family in this country was his paternal great-great-grandfather, Thomas McCarty, who was born in southern Ireland, was there reared and educated and in 1719 was married to Miss Phoebe Lancaster. During the latter part of the eighteenth century he came to America, locating on the Atlantic seaboard. Being at that time of the Friends faith, neither he nor the members of his family participated in the wars of that period. James L. McCarty was born in New Jersey, being reared and educated there and in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In early life he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He became a pioneer settler of Carroll county, Ohio, where he spent his remaining years, his death occurring there in 1860. He married Miss Mary Bontrager, who was born in Carroll county, and to them were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Of these, the second in order of birth was Thomas McCarty, who became prominent in the judiciary of his section of the state, having served two terms as judge of the common pleas court of Stark county, while later he was elected to the circuit bench, on which he served two terms, or up to the time of his death.

Andrew M. McCarty received his early education in the public and select schools of Carroll county, and at the age of sixteen years began teaching school, by which means he was able to continue his education. He pursued the study of law in Scio College, Harrison county, and completed his studies in the law office of Parker & McCarty, at Canton. He was admitted to the bar in 1880 and at once engaged in the active practice of his profession, in which he continued without interruption until 1925, since which time he has acted only in an advisory capacity as a member of the firm of McCarty, Burt & Kennison. During these years he was identified as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this and neighboring counties and was always regarded as a tower of strength in any cause which he represented. His practice was characterized by absolute integrity, courtesy to opponents, firmness in presenting the facts for every client and tenacity in holding to what he believed were valid opinions, while he presented his causes with a power of logic and a lucidity of expression which contributed largely to his success as a trial law-

yer. When the federal bankruptcy law was enacted, Mr. McCarty was made referee in bankruptcy and ably and satisfactorily discharged the duties of that position for sixteen years.

At Louisville, Stark county, Mr. McCarty was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Meffert, a native of that county and a daughter of Hiram and Eve Meffert, both of whom were members of old pioneer families of this locality. The mother died in 1926, at the age of ninety-nine years and eight months. To Mr. and Mrs. McCarty was born a daughter, Beulah H., who became the wife of Gilbert Canterbury, and has a son, Andrew, who was born in 1916. Mr. McCarty has always given his political support to the republican party and in former years took an active and effective interest in local party affairs, having served for a number of years as treasurer of the republican county central committee. He is a Mason and a member of the Canton Club and the Congress Lake Club. He belongs to the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association and is a past president of the Stark County Law Library Association. Because of his long and useful career, his kindly and courteous manner, and his genuine worth as a man, he commands the admiration and esteem of all who know him and stands as one of Stark county's representative citizens.

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#### CHARLES E. FIRESTONE

A number of Canton's most important public buildings, business structures and homes bear the impress of the skill and taste of Charles E. Firestone, who has gained wide recognition as an architect of more than ordinary ability, his designs always presenting an originality that is appealing to discriminating builders. Mr. Firestone was born on the 10th of March, 1890, at Middle Branch, Stark county, Ohio, and is a son of Calvin H. and Ida L. (Essig) Firestone. The Firestone family is of German origin, and was established in this country by Nicholas Firestone, a native of Berg, Germany, who came to this country during the middle of the eighteenth century. Charles E. Firestone's great-grandfather, also named Nicholas, was a pioneer settler of Columbiana county, Ohio, where he became a prominent and successful farmer and

banker. He was the father of Henry Firestone, who married Miss Barbara Rowland. Her family settled in a very early day at Canton, where they engaged in farming, owning a large tract of land, comprising what is now the entire eastern section of the city. Henry and Barbara Firestone became the parents of Calvin H. Firestone, who was reared and educated in Stark county. For many years he engaged in merchandising in Middle Branch, where he was also postmaster, and later he followed farming, but is now retired from active business affairs and resides in Canton. He married Ida L. Essig, who is a daughter of Jacob and Magdalina (Lind) Essig, representative of families who were early settlers in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Firestone, the only child born to Calvin H. and Ida L. Firestone, attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from Central high school in 1908 and then entered Ohio State University but completed his college course at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in architecture in 1914. Going to Detroit, Michigan, he entered the employ of the Detroit Steel Products Company, with which he remained one year, and then came to Canton, where he was associated with C. V. Pettit for two years. In 1917 he established in business on his own account, continuing alone until 1925, when he formed a partnership with Lowell Christman, which association still continues. Among the notable buildings designed and erected by Mr. Firestone's office may be mentioned the Northern hotel, the Stark Dry Goods buildings, the Brant building, the Community building, the First Christian and First Reformed churches, the Elizabeth Harter and Fairmount schools and many of Canton's leading homes. He also is a director of the Home Builders Savings Bank.

Mr. Firestone was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Blair, who was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Blair. She is a member of the Women's Club of Canton, takes an active interest in local social and civic affairs and is very popular in the circles in which she moves. Mr. and Mrs. Firestone are the parents of a daughter, Jeanne, born November 29, 1916. Mr. Firestone gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., belonging also to chapter, council and commandery of the York Rite, and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to

the Lions Club, of which he is president; the Lakeside Shrine Club, the University Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran church. He has shown an effective interest in matters affecting the welfare and prosperity of his home city. Gentlemanly and courteous in manner and cordial and affable in his social relations, he has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout this community and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### CHARLES E. LOTZ

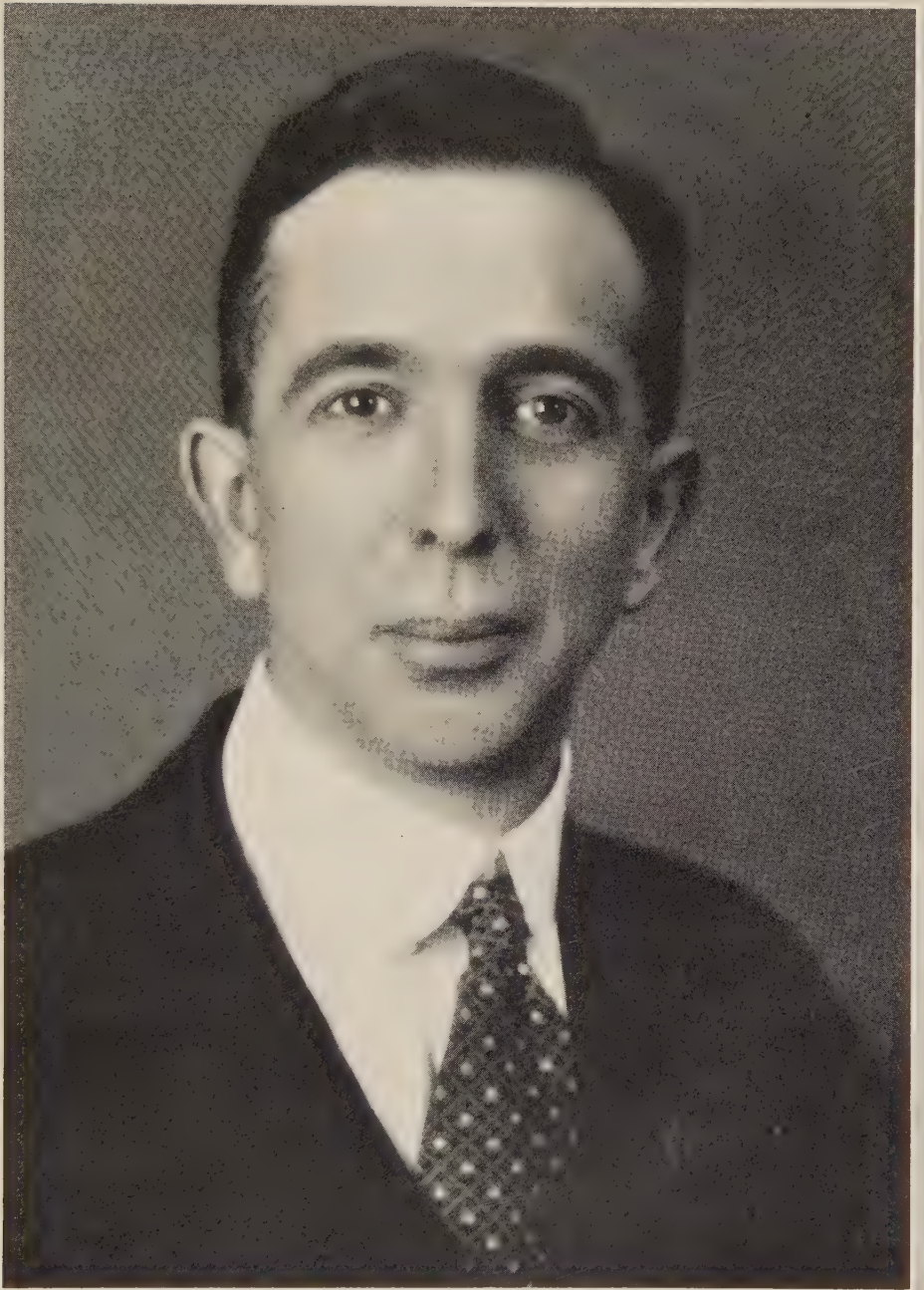
Charles E. Lotz, public accountant, is following a vocation which demands ability of a high order, together with a concentration and exactitude required in few other callings. That he possesses the necessary qualifications is attested by the constant demand for his services and the satisfactory relations which exist between him and those who have employed him. Mr. Lotz was born in Stark county, Ohio, on December 30, 1891, and is the eldest of the three children of Cassius E. and Urzilla (Burrier) Lotz. The family has long been established in Ohio, his great-grandfather, who was a native of Germany, having come to the United States in an early day and settled in Carroll county, where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Cassius E. Lotz was born and reared in Carroll county, where he lived until 1891, when he came to Stark county, where he has resided to the present time. He devoted his early years to farming, but later turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, in which he was successful, and is now retired from active business affairs. He is a member of the United Brethren church. He has taken an active part in public affairs, having served as county assessor and as a member of the democratic committee in Stark county. Urzilla (Burrier) Lotz was born at Harlem Springs, Carroll county, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hayes) Burrier, the latter of Irish extraction. The Burrier family has long been established in Carroll county, where Mrs. Lotz's grandfather, who was a cabinetmaker, became a pioneer settler. Mr. Lotz was twice married and to his second union, with Urzilla Burrier, were born two sons and a daughter.

Charles E. Lotz attended the public schools of Stark county, after which he took a commercial course in the Canton Business College and then attended the Detroit Technical School. His first position was that of cost accountant with the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, with which concern he remained one year. When twenty-two years of age he was appointed court reporter for the Stark county probate court, in which position he served two years. During the two following years Mr. Lotz studied law in the Los Angeles Extension University, with the view of adopting the legal profession as his life work. However, in 1916, he turned his attention to public accounting, which he has followed continuously since. For a number of years he was a member of the firm of Feller, Lotz & Hudson, but since 1926 has been a member of the firm of Lotz & Hudson. Both partners have been admitted to practice in the United States treasury department as tax agents and they also have a large estate clientele. Recognized as experts and with a well earned reputation for painstaking thoroughness and strict fidelity, they have won a high place in public confidence and are commanding their due share of the business in their line in Canton and Stark county. Mr. Lotz is also vice president of the Fulton-Pit Car Company, of Canal Fulton, Ohio. He is a democrat in his political predilections and is a member of the United Brethren church. He belongs to Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aladdin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Orchard Hill Country Club; the Civitan Club; and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. A man of strong character and agreeable personality, he is highly regarded throughout the city and is numbered among its progressive and public spirited residents.

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### HOMER M. JOHNS

Homer M. Johns, who has always been a resident of Massillon and has been prominent in its business and public affairs, is now rendering able and appreciated service as mayor of the city. He was born on the 10th of September, 1889, and is a son of John E. and Myra B. (Merwin) Johns, the former of whom is deceased. The father, who was the eldest in a family of seven children, was



Wm. L. Jones



long engaged in the insurance business in Massillon and commanded the unqualified respect of all who knew him.

Homer M. Johns attended the public schools of this city, graduating from high school, and he subsequently entered Mount Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. He studied law one year in Western Reserve University and then, returning to Massillon, embarked in the insurance business, in which he is still engaged. He is a man of energetic and progressive methods, through which he has built up a large business, and is president and treasurer of the Johns Agency Company and vice president of the Johns Real Estate Company.

On August 28, 1917, Mr. Johns was united in marriage to Miss Mary K. Henry, of Alliance, and they are the parents of two children, Mary Ellen and Carolyn. Mr. Johns has always given his political support to the republican party. In 1925 he was elected a councilman-at-large, serving two years as a member of the finance committee, and in 1927 was elected mayor of the city, which office he is well qualified to fill. He is a Mason and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church, to which he gives liberal support. Mr. Johns is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Twenty-fifth United States Engineers, with which he served one year and eight months in France.

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### RALPH M. CLAYTON

One of the most important phases of business is the collection of accounts, the success of which is vital to any enterprise. Under present-day methods this, regarding slow and difficult cases, has been largely taken over by specialists, who relieve the merchant of much disagreeable work and achieve more certain results. Ralph M. Clayton, of Canton, who operates under the name of the Clayton Adjustment Company, has demonstrated his efficiency as a collector of bad accounts and has built up a large and successful business, being one of the leaders in his line in this locality. A native of Seattle, Washington, he was born on the 20th of March,

1886, and is a son of Ralph Campbell and Susan (McInnes) Clayton, the former born in Edinburgh, Scotland, February 14, 1831, and the latter at Conshohocken, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1839. The Clayton family is of Scotch origin, the line being traced back to Campbell Clayton, a member of the Clan Campbell, who in 1600 was a vicar of the Presbyterian church in Edinburgh. During all the subsequent years the vicarage has been handed down from father to son and is still in possession of the Clan Campbell Claytons. Ralph C. Clayton was reared and educated in his native land, where he remained until 1858, when he emigrated to the United States, landing at Philadelphia. He at once located at Chestnut Hill, between Philadelphia and Conshohocken, where he established a coal yard, which he ran until 1868, when he moved to Seattle, Washington. There he opened a department store, which he conducted until 1893, when he moved to Yakima, Washington, and located on a fruit ranch, to which he devoted his attention to the time of his death, which occurred in 1901. Susan (McInnes) Clayton, who was of Irish descent, returned east in 1902, and located in Cleveland, Ohio, where her death occurred May 4, 1903.

Ralph M. Clayton attended the public schools of Seattle, Yakima and Tacoma, Washington, graduating from high school in 1900. He arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, early in 1903 and went to work as a plumber's helper, but soon afterwards returned to Seattle, where he was employed as a milk-wagon driver for some time. He then went to London, England, where he worked in a collar factory, and while there paid a visit to his ancestral home in Edinburgh, Scotland. In the fall of 1905 Mr. Clayton returned to the United States and, again locating in Cleveland, worked for the Industrial Insurance Company as a collector, for about six months. His next position was with the American Wire Mills at Cleveland, where he started in as a laborer and rose to a foremanship. After two years with that concern, he established a phonograph record exchange business in that city, which he carried on until 1920, after which he was employed as a salesman for two years. Early in 1922 Mr. Clayton entered the employ of the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company as a conductor, holding that position until 1924, when he became credit man for the Rogers Jewelry Company, in which capacity he served until June 10, 1926. On July 18, 1924, he had organized the Clayton Adjustment Com-

pany, which he operated as a part-time proposition while still connected with the Rogers Company, but the business increased so rapidly that he found it necessary to resign his other position and devote all of his time to the collection business, opening an office at 309 Daily News building, Canton. Mr. Clayton is prompt and vigorous in pressing claims, but at the same time is discreet and diplomatic when occasion requires. He is handling the "bad accounts" for a large number of important business concerns and is winning a splendid record because of his success.

On May 4, 1910, in Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. Clayton was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Smith, who was born at Camden, New Jersey, on the 6th of January, 1891, and is a daughter of Harry and Emma Smith, the former now deceased. The Smith family is of old Quaker stock, to which faith its members still subscribe. On emigrating to this country the family settled in Sussex county, New Jersey, where some of its members still reside, and Mrs. Isabel Smith is now living in Camden, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are the parents of a son, Raymond C., born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1911, and now attending the Lincoln high school in Canton. Mr. Clayton is a republican in his political alignment, but does not take an active part in public affairs. A man of energetic and progressive methods and of sterling integrity and honor, he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### EDWIN H. WALKER

Edwin H. Walker, as a building contractor, has been a large factor in the development of Canton, having erected many of its public buildings and business blocks, as well as a large number of its best homes, and in this connection he has won a well merited reputation for his technical ability and trustworthiness. Mr. Walker was born on the 6th day of April, 1879, in Osnaburg township, this county, and is an adopted son of Franklin and Harriet (Stuckey) Walker, who were early settlers in Paris, Stark county. Edwin Walker is the son of Edwin and Elizabeth (Walker) Zartman, of whom the former traced his ancestral line back to Alexander Zartman, who came to this country from Ger-

many in 1728 and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Some of his descendants fought in the war of the Revolution. Edwin Zartman was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. Subsequently he came to Stark county, Ohio, where he was for many years engaged in the building contracting business. He served as a soldier in the Union Army throughout the Civil war, and was wounded in two engagements, but on each occasion returned to the ranks. He was a republican in his political belief and was a member of the Lutheran church. His death occurred in Canton in 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. Elizabeth (Walker) Zartman was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1844, and died in 1882, at the age of thirty-eight years. Her ancestors came to this country from Scotland during the early part of the eighteenth century and members of the family located in Ohio in about 1800. To Edwin and Elizabeth Zartman were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom are living, as follows: Charles, who resides in California; Mrs. Alice Holmes, who lives in Geneseo, Rice county, Kansas; Mrs. Leah Wilson, of Warwick, Ohio; Mrs. Jennie Seacrist, of Akron, Ohio; Byron, of Eagle county, Colorado; Curtis, who resides in the state of Washington; John, who lives in Hartville, Stark county, Edwin H.; Mrs. Lillie Loehr, the wife of Harvey Loehr, president of the Loehr Lumber Company of Canton; and George W., of Canton. Mrs. Loehr was legally adopted by the Zeigler family, who had no children of their own.

Edwin H. Walker was educated in the public schools of Paris, Stark county, and remained at home until he had attained his majority, when he started out to earn his own livelihood. Going to Lyons, Kansas, ostensibly to visit a brother and sister, he there apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter trade, which he followed as a journeyman until 1910. He then engaged in the contracting business in Canton and has followed that line of effort to the present time. He had a thorough technical knowledge of his business and the high quality of his work soon attracted attention, so that through the subsequent years he has done his full share of the contracting business in this locality. Among the buildings which stand as a monument to his skill and ability are the dormitory to the Children's Home at Alliance, Ohio; Zion Lutheran church, Canton; the Martin Luther church, Canton; the Crystal Park Methodist Episcopal parish house; the First Reformed church

parish house, Canton; the Zinninger office building; and the Cadillac Motor Car Company building, besides some of the most costly and attractive homes in and about Canton.

On December 25, 1902, in Canton, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Estella Zinninger, a daughter of Edward A. and Samantha (Hayman) Zinninger, the former a representative of an old Paris family, while the latter belonged to a well known family of Minerva, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of three children, namely; Paul E., born July 26, 1907; Thelma E., born May 24, 1909, and Owen, August 11, 1911. In his political views Mr. Walker is a republican and has shown a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Lions Club, of which he is a past president. He and his wife are members of the Martin Luther church and take a leading part in its activities. Mr. Walker is a lover of outdoor life and greatly enjoys hunting and fishing as a diversion from the routine of business. He is a man of kindly and unaffected manner, is an earnest supporter of all things that tend to better the public welfare and wherever known is accorded high respect and esteem.

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### GEORGE L. SICKAFOOSE

George L. Sickafoose is generally recognized as one of the most competent civil engineers in Stark county, as has been evidenced by his repeated elections to the office of county surveyor, and he is now rendering capable service as superintendent of drainage ditches in Stark county. Mr. Sickafoose was born in Sandy township, this county, February 17, 1863, and is a son of John and Nancy (Kimmel) Sickafoose. The father was born in Sandy township in 1819 and died in 1896, while the mother was born in October, 1823, and died in 1900. His paternal grandfather, George Sickafoose, who was a veteran of the war of 1812, came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to Stark county in an early day and settled on a quarter section of land in Sandy township, which farm is still in the possession of the family. The maternal grandparents were David and Susan Kimmel, and the former lies buried at the old Kimmel homestead, about one-half mile from

Sandy township. His wife was ninety-one years old at the time of her death.

George L. Sickafoose secured his early education in the grammar school in Sandy township, and in 1883 attended the normal school at East Sparta. In 1884 he began teaching school and during the following ten years taught in Sandy, Pike and Canton townships. He then entered Mt. Union College, at Alliance, and later was a student at Ohio Northern University, at Ada, where he debated with his classmate, the late Frank Willis, who became United States senator from Ohio. He also was in the class of parliamentary law taught by Simeon D. Fess, who also is now a United States senator from this state. Mr. Sickafoose was graduated in civil engineering in 1891 and then became a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Stark county. He was elected and served seven successive years, after which he was engaged in the engineering profession for six years. He was then again elected to the office of county surveyor, and was three times reelected, thus serving eight years, or a total of fifteen years as county surveyor. In 1923 he resumed private practice, in which he was engaged until 1926, when he was appointed to his present position as county superintendent of drainage ditches, under County Surveyor Wise.

On June 4, 1900, at East Sparta, Ohio, Mr. Sickafoose was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Sponhauer, who was born in Canton and is a daughter of Joseph and Anne (Russell) Sponhauer, the former now deceased, while the mother, who was born in Pike township, this county, is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sickafoose. The Sponhauer family is of German origin. Mr. and Mrs. Sickafoose are the parents of five children, namely: George Russell, who was born in Canton, June 7, 1901, and married Miss Anne Klohs, their home being in New Philadelphia, Ohio; Anne, who is employed in connection with the Family Welfare Society in Canton; Mary Olive, who is taking a course in business administration in Sullin's College, at Washington, D. C.; Ruth Evelyn, who is attending Arnold College, at New Haven, Connecticut, where she is preparing to teach physical education; Martha Nancy, who is a sophomore in the McKinley high school in Canton.

Mr. Sickafoose has always given his political support to the republican party and has shown a helpful interest in local public affairs. He is a member of Washington Council, J. O. U. A. M.,

and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton. Mr. Sickafoose received military training for one year while in college at Ada. He is a man of broad views and well defined opinions, has been true to the highest ideals of citizenship, and well merits the high place which he holds in the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### ORMANN R. KEYSER

In recent years well organized and scientific attention to the farming interests has resulted in a great advancement along every line of agricultural effort, and in Stark county has this been particularly noticeable. Here this result has been largely brought about through the effective personal work of Ormann R. Keyser, the county agricultural agent, who is thoroughly capable and earnestly devoted to the cause in which he is laboring. Mr. Keyser was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1892, and is a son of Reuben F. and Clare E. (Yost) Keyser. The Keyser family is of Holland origin, the progenitor in this country first settling in eastern Pennsylvania. Members of the family came to Ohio in an early day, settling in Medina county, where Reuben F. Keyser was born in 1862. Representatives of the name fought in the Revolutionary war and several of Ormann Keyser's great-uncles were soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil war. Reuben F. Keyser was reared and educated in Medina county and there engaged in agricultural pursuits. He became greatly interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the farmers and for many years was active in developing and organizing the Grange. He has always supported the democratic party and is a member of the Reformed church. His wife was born in Jackson township, Ashland county, Ohio, January 30, 1865, a daughter of Philip and Anna (Rockenfeller) Yost, both of whom were natives of Germany, her father having come from Daltzheim at the age of thirty years, while his wife came with her parents, from Albisheim, when nine years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Keyser were born seven sons and one daughter, namely: Charles B.; Oscar E., deceased; Ormann R.; William Eugene; Gladys, the wife of Roy Harrington; Julius Rex; and Lester R. and Chester Y., twins, the latter now deceased.

Ormann R. Keyser received his early education in the public schools of Homer township, Medina county, and was graduated from the college of agriculture of Ohio State University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922. He remained on the home farm during his youth, but his early ambition was to become a traction engineer. To this end he took a correspondence course and in due time passed a rigid examination, after which he provided himself with a threshing outfit and engaged in threshing, sawmilling and farming on his own account, operating in Medina, Ashland and Wayne counties. In this he was successful and thus gained the means to finance his college course. In 1908 he became connected with the Grange in his home community and later with the West Salem Farmers Institute, through which he gained valuable ideas relative to farming operations and business methods. For a year after his graduation he was on the teaching staff of the college, in agricultural education, being assigned to Adams county, and on March 1, 1923, assumed entire charge of agricultural college extension work in Stark county. His work here has been notable in its results. When he came to this county the farm organization had a membership of about two hundred and fifty, whereas through his and his associates' efforts the membership is now six hundred and fifty. Of still greater importance to the welfare of the farmers has been the establishment of a cooperative union, whereby the milk producers, or dairy farmers, the Grange and the Stark County Farm Bureau have been merged into practically one organization, each branch of which is working for the betterment of the common good, this desirable consummation being brought about by much missionary and educational work, as well as tact and sound judgment. Through the effective work he has done here in the interests of the farmers Mr. Keyser has gained a high place in their confidence and esteem. In 1912 he was engaged as a lecturer for West Salem Grange and in 1914 served as master of that body. In 1920 he was master of the University Grange at the College of Agriculture in Columbus.

On June 16, 1924, at West Salem, Ohio, Mr. Keyser was united in marriage to Miss Hazel D. Irvine, who was born in Perrysville, Ashland county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William A. and Elwilda (Darling) Irvine. The Irvine family were numbered among the early colonial settlers of Maryland, and came from that state in covered wagons to Ohio. The present Irvine farm was preempted

in pioneer days by a maternal ancestor named Smith and has been in the family continuously to the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Keyser are the parents of a daughter, Norma Eileen, who was born in Canton, June 19, 1927. Mrs. Keyser is a member of the McDowell Club of Canton, the Chorus Club and the Delphian Club. Mr. Keyser is a member of West Salem Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M.; Oriental Chapter, No. 128, R. A. M., at West Salem; Mansfield Council, No. 94, R. & S. M., at Mansfield, Ohio; Garfield Chapter, O. E. S.; Canton Post, No. 44, A. L.; Plain Grange, at Middle Branch, Stark county; the Canton Torch Club, of which he is secretary and treasurer; and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with the Evangelical church at West Salem.

Mr. Keyser is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Headquarters Company of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Regiment of Infantry, Thirty-ninth Division. Later he was transferred to the Nineteenth Headquarters Company of Field Artillery, with which he went overseas, serving until July 31, 1919, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio. During the latter period of his overseas service he was with the Army of Occupation and in February, 1919, was attached to the educational commission and served in the Fifth Division army post high school, teaching the subject of agricultural engineering. He traveled over the occupied territory, giving lectures on agricultural engineering at various army post schools. Mr. Keyser is an accomplished musician, playing a number of instruments but particularly interested in the cornet. During earlier years he was very active in music circles and organized an orchestral band in his home town, also teaching music to provide means for carrying on his education. During 1912-13 he was president of the Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical church at West Salem, directed the Sunday school orchestra from 1910 to 1915, and during a part of that time taught a Sunday school class. He made a number of addresses in that church on special occasions, such as Mothers' day, Armistice day and the Fourth of July, and during his five years' attendance there never missed a single Sunday, regardless of weather conditions, though under the necessity of walking three miles to reach the church. In the best sense of the term, Mr. Keyser is a self-made man, having depended on his own resources from the age of sixteen years, and his record has gained for him the respect and

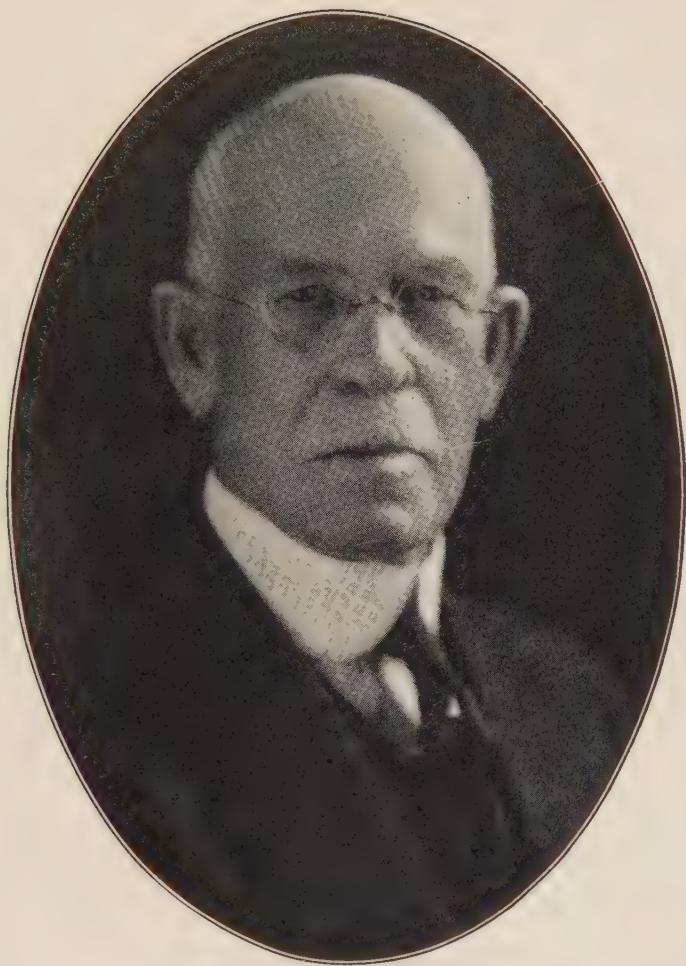
good will of all who know him. Sincere and loyal in every relation of life, he finds his greatest delight in being helpful to others and he well deserves the success which is now his.

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### FRANK TRANSUE

For many years Frank Transue was prominently identified with the business interests of Alliance, being president of the Transue & Williams Drop Forging Company, one of the leading industrial concerns of the city, and was president of the Alliance Banking Company. He was born in North Benton, Mahoning county, Ohio, June 17, 1842, and was the second in order of birth of the four children of Samuel and Margaret (Santee) Transue, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was of French descent. He came to North Benton, Mahoning county, Ohio, where he was married, and there he served as post-master. In 1852 he came to Alliance, which at that time was little more than a village, and here followed the tailoring trade until 1859, when he formed a partnership with a Mr. Such, under the firm name of Transue & Such, and carried on the tailoring business. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, he retired from the firm and, going to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, enlisted in the government service, becoming connected with the commissary department at that place. His wife and daughter remained in Alliance, to which city he returned after the close of the war. In the following year his wife, who was a native of Mahoning county, this state, died, at the age of fifty-six years, and soon afterward he moved to Akron, Ohio. There he was later married to a Mrs. McMasters, to which union was born a daughter, Nellie, who became the wife of Harry Caldwell, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. Samuel Transue spent the remainder of his life in Akron and died March 4, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years, his widow passing away eight months later.

Frank Transue received his education in the public schools of North Benton and Alliance, coming with his parents to this city when about ten years of age. When sixteen he became an apprentice machinist in the shops of the Fisher & Shallters Company in Alliance, with which concern he remained seven years. In 1861



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he volunteered in defense of the government, enlisting as a private in Company H, Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three months. His period of enlistment expired before the company reached the front, whereupon Mr. Transue resumed work at his trade, being employed by various firms in different places. In 1894 he formed a partnership with Silas J. Williams and O. F. Transue, under the firm name of Transue & Williams, and engaged in the manufacture of drop forgings. This proved a successful venture and in 1895 the business was incorporated as The Transue-Williams Company, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, the officers of the company being, Frank Transue, president; S. J. Williams, vice president; F. E. Dussell, treasurer, and O. F. Transue, general manager. They began operations in the old Nixon shops, but their rapidly increasing business soon outgrew those buildings and in 1898 they began the erection of their present building, into which they moved in the spring of 1899. In 1921 the business was incorporated as The Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corporation, of which the late O. F. Transue was president.

On February 19, 1863, Frank Transue was married to Miss Amanda J. Aultman, who was born in Alliance in 1843 and died in this city, February 3, 1910. She was a daughter of Jacob Aultman, who was a prominent miller and leading citizen of Alliance. To Mr. and Mrs. Transue were born four children, namely: William H., represented elsewhere in this volume; Mrs. Minnie Kingsbury, of Alliance; and Oliver F. and Charles R., both of whom are deceased. Mr. Transue was again married, his second union being with Miss Ellen Esterly of Columbiana county, Ohio, who now makes her home in Florida.

After a useful and well spent life, Mr. Transue passed away in Alliance, April 29, 1925. He gave his support to the republican party and took a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county. In 1903 he was appointed one of the three members of the city board of public works for a term of two years, which position he filled with credit. He also served two terms as a member of the city council and was for several years a member of the board of education. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he gave generous support, as he did also to all other worthy benevolent causes. He was deeply interested in Mount Union College and took a very active part in all

matters beneficiary to that institution, endowing the chair of economics and contributing largely in both time and money to that institution. Mr. Transue was a director of the Alliance Bank Company, of which he became vice president in 1899, and later served eight years as president. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Honor and the Royal Arcanum. He was a progressive man in the broadest sense of the term and lived to see and take a prominent part in the later-day growth of his community. A man of ability, sturdy integrity and usefulness, he represented the highest type of citizenship and was long regarded as one of the representative men of his community.

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#### JAMES T. DE WITT

James T. DeWitt, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Canton, is numbered among those whose actions are controlled by high ideals and worthy motives and his record has gained for him the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of those who have required his services. He was born in Canton on the 22d of April, 1899, and is a son of Dr. John P. and Emma E. (Rice) DeWitt. The DeWitt family, which is of Scotch origin, has long been established in this state. John P. DeWitt was born and reared in Holmes county, Ohio, where he attended school and then matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Canton. Emma E. (Rice) DeWitt was born at East Sparta, Stark county, and is a sister of James A. Rice, a former mayor of Canton and now a prominent attorney of this city. To Dr. and Mrs. DeWitt were born two sons, James T. and John R.

James T. DeWitt attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from old Central high school in 1916, and then entered Western Reserve University. He completed his law studies in Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1923. He entered the law office of Rice, Souers & DeWitt, with whom he remained until January, 1926, when he opened an office in the Harter Bank building, and

has since been engaged in practice alone. While conducting a general practice, he makes a specialty of corporation law, in which he has gained a wide reputation, and now enjoys a large and representative clientele. He is secretary of the Green Tree Company, owners of the Green Tree apartments, at 1950 Market avenue North, and is president of the Market Nineteenth Company and president of the Central Ohio Clay Products Company.

On September 12, 1925, in Canton, Mr. DeWitt was united in marriage to Miss Hazel V. Nolle, who is a native of this city and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nolle, of an old and well known family of this city. Mr. DeWitt gives his political support to the democratic party and is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities; the Phi Gamma Delta, of New York city; the Brookside Country Club and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with the First Christian church. He is a member of the Stark County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association. He has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his city and county and cooperates in all measures for its advancement and progress. Mr. DeWitt is a veteran of the World war, having been on detached service in Cleveland, Ohio, and was honorably discharged December 1, 1918. His sterling qualities and straightforward manner have won for him the respect of his fellowmen and he is deservedly popular among his associates.

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### JUSTIN M. TOWNSEND

Justin M. Townsend is a man of wide and varied experience, having devoted a number of years to educational work and later to a manufacturing business, while he is now serving as general agent for the Ohio National Life Insurance Company at Canton, in which capacity he is making a splendid record. Mr. Townsend was born in Tipton, Tipton county, Iowa, on the 14th of August, 1888, and is a son of Rev. Richard Cameron and Rebecca (Jacke) Townsend, both of whom are deceased. His father, who was of English descent, was a native of Pennsylvania, received a good education and taught school for a number of years. He then entered Auburn Theological Seminary, at Auburn, New York, from which he was

graduated, and became a minister of the Presbyterian church, following that profession until his death, which occurred in March, 1921, at the age of sixty-seven years, at Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, where he had resided from 1917. Rebecca (Jacke) Townsend was a native of Indiana and was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, the progenitor of the family having come to America prior to the war of the Revolution. One of his descendants fought in that struggle and another was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Townsend died in June, 1910, at the age of forty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Townsend were born six children, four sons and two daughters: Justin M.; Charlotte Elizabeth, born May 20, 1890; Andrew, born June 20, 1893; William Hodge, who was born in November, 1895, and died in June, 1897; Willis Beecher, born May 28, 1899; and Mercy Eunice, born February 28, 1902.

Justin M. Townsend attended public and high schools in Illinios and then entered the Wooster preparatory and later Wooster College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. During the following six years he taught in Lincoln Memorial University, resigning that position in order to engage in a manufacturing business in Wooster, in which he continued successfully for several years. In 1922 he became general agent for the Ohio National Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in Canton, and has been successful in developing the business here to a degree that has gained for him a high reputation as an energetic and efficient manager.

On May 13, 1913, Mr. Townsend was married at Harrogate, Claiborne county, Tennessee, to Miss Lois Richards, who was born in 1888 and died May 16, 1916, leaving a son, Richard Cameron. On August 14, 1917, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Townsend was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Roettinger, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Philip and Ella (McChesney) Roettinger, both representatives of old and prominent families of Cincinnati, the McChesneys being related to the Henry Clay family. Mrs. Townsend is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is actively interested in religious and civic work.

Mr. Townsend is a staunch republican in his political belief and is a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity, the University Club of Canton, of which he was elected president in 1927,

the Wooster Country Club, at Wooster, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Presbyterian church. A man of progressive tendencies and of discriminating judgment in practical affairs, he is numbered among those whose efforts and influence are given to the upbuilding of the community and he is numbered among Canton's best citizens.

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### HARRY C. FRAVEL.

Harry C. Fravel, who owns and operates a well equipped sheet metal works plant at 218 Sixth street Northwest, Canton, has long been identified with this line of work and has built up a large and prosperous business, owing to the high quality of his products and his sound methods. Mr. Fravel was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 1st of March, 1887, and is a son of Benjamin E. and Mary E. (Rheiman) Fravel, both of whom were born in the Shenandoah valley and are now residing at Woodstock, Virginia. The Fravel family is of Dutch origin, two brothers of the name having come to this country from Holland in an early day, one settling in Pennsylvania and the other in Virginia. The Rheiman family is supposed to be of German origin.

Harry C. Fravel attended the grammar schools of his native county, and then went to work on the farm of an uncle, where he remained two years, and then started to learn the trade of sheet metal working with Samuel Spilker, at Mauertown, Virginia. Two years later he came to Canton, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Eller Manufacturing Company, at a wage of twelve and a half cents an hour. Later he was employed at sheet metal and furnace work by W. Mackaneny, with whom he remained for three years, and in 1910 he purchased his employer's interests and engaged in the business under his own name, in which he has continued to the present time. He has given close attention to his business, is courteous and accommodating in his relations with his customers, and is enjoying a very satisfactory patronage.

On February 25, 1909, in St. John's Roman Catholic church, Canton, Mr. Fravel was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann Sheridan, who was born near St. Marie, Jasper county, Illinois, on February 1, 1887, and is a daughter of William Sheridan, a

native of Illinois, who still resides near St. Marie, while her mother, who was born in Germany, is deceased. Mrs. Fravel is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Canton and belongs to the Sacred Heart Society of that church. Mr. and Mrs. Fravel are the parents of five children, namely: Harry, Jr., born April 16, 1912, now a junior in the McKinley high school; Virginia, a sophomore in the McKinley high school; Evelyn, James Andrew and Betty Jane, who are attending St. Joseph's grammar school. Mr. Fravel has been a lifelong supporter of the democratic party and is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose at Canton and is a director of the Canton Builders Exchange. He is a member of the Lowell Reformed church of Canton, of which he is a deacon and treasurer. He has fulfilled all the requirements of good citizenship, has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his community, and his life record has been such as has gained for him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

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### IAN BRUCE HART

Ian Bruce Hart, a member of the firm of Hart & Drukenbrod, with offices in the First National Bank building, is a well known representative of the legal profession in Canton. Through his ability and sterling worth he has attained a high place among the members of the Stark county bar and commands a large and remunerative practice.

Mr. Hart was born at Alliance, Stark county, on the 28th of December, 1889, and is a son of William Lincoln and Ida Bithia (Caskey) Hart, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools of Alliance, graduating from high school in 1917, and then entered his father's law office, where he studied Blackstone and Kent until 1920, when he entered the law school of Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1923. Locating in Canton, he formed a partnership with Kenneth B. Cope, under the firm name of Cope & Hart, which association continued until March, 1926, when Faber J. Drukenbrod became a member of the firm, the firm style then becoming Cope, Hart & Drukenbrod. In May, 1927, Mr. Cope withdrew from the firm, which is now

known as Hart & Drukenbrod. Well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, a constant student of his profession and a faithful and conscientious practitioner, Mr. Hart has well earned the high regard in which he is held, not only by the members of his profession, but throughout the community as well. Mr. Hart was one of the organizers of the William McKinley School of Law, which is incorporated under a charter from the state of Ohio and is the first law school established in Stark county. He is a member of the faculty of this institution and is a member and vice president of the board of directors.

On June 24, 1924, at Woodbridge, New Jersey, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Potter, who was born and reared in that state and is a daughter of Louis Potter. Mrs. Hart is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Open Door Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are the parents of a daughter, Betty Jane, born February 3, 1926.

Mr. Hart gives his support to the republican party and is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., at Alliance, Ohio; the Shady Hollow Country Club, the McKinley Club and the Alpha Tau Omega Greek letter fraternity. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. A man of sterling worth and friendly manner, he is exceedingly popular throughout the range of his acquaintance and is regarded as an honor to his profession.

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## I. LEON GOULD

Innate ability, sterling integrity and indomitable perseverance have been the contributing elements to the notable success which has been attained by I. Leon Gould, who stands in the front rank of the capable and worthy members of the Stark county bar. In the best sense of the term, he is a self-made man, for he arrived in this country practically penniless and without friends, but he was well fortified with ambition and pluck and permitted nothing to defeat his determination to secure an education and an independent position in the world. Mr. Gould was born on the 16th of December, 1881, in Trg-Frumos, Jassy, Roumania, and is a son of Leon and Goldie (Horowitz) Gould, both of whom are deceased.

On the paternal side his family line is traced back for many generations in Roumania, where they were prominent in the affairs of the community. Leon Gould conducted a hotel in Trg-Frumos for many years and was a well-to-do and highly respected citizen of that place, where he spent his entire life. His wife, who also was a native of Jassy, was descended from an old and honored family, and her love for her native country and the traditions of her people were of greater import to her than such material gains as might be offered by the New World, so that she was content to spend her life in the land of her birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Gould were born three children, namely: Anna, who died in girlhood; Sadie, who is the wife of Abraham Haymovitz, of Brooklyn, New York; and I. Leon.

I. Leon Gould secured his early education in the public and private schools of his native city and remained at home until nineteen years of age, when, in 1900, he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York. He at once secured employment there and remained a resident of that city until 1906, during which period, by his industry and economy, he saved sufficient money to enable him to carry out his plans for an education in law. Going to Baltimore, Maryland, he entered the law school of Baltimore University, now the University of Maryland, where he continued his studies for two years, when certain business connections in which he was engaged necessitated his removal to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he entered the law school of Indiana University, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Law, in 1909. He then located in Gary, Indiana, where he was successfully engaged in the general practice of law until 1915, when he came to Canton, Ohio, where he has gained not only a large and lucrative practice, but also an honored place among his fellowmen.

On September 28, 1910, in the Metropole hotel, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Violet Lewin, who is a daughter of the late Marcus and Lena (Michelson) Lewin, a well known and socially prominent family of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gould are the parents of a son, Howard, who was born in Gary, Indiana, July 6, 1911, is now a member of the senior class of the McKinley high school and on his graduation will enter one of the Eastern universities to study law. Mr. and Mrs. Gould reside in one of the most pretentious residences in Can-

ton, where the spirit of true hospitality is ever in evidence and it is a favorite gathering place for their many friends.

Politically Mr. Gould has always been aligned with the republican party and has taken an active interest in public affairs. In 1923 he was prevailed upon to become a candidate for the nomination for mayor of Canton, but was beaten in the primaries by the successful candidate, C. C. Curtis, who was again elected mayor in November, 1927. Mr. Gould is a member of the McKinley Club. He is to be the candidate for the newly created office of judge of the domestic relations court next November. During the World war he served on the local draft board and gave much time to furthering the various war measures. He is a student of philology and is an accomplished linguist, speaking six languages fluently. Because of his sterling character, high attainments and his splendid personality, he well deserves the confidence and respect in which he is held throughout Canton, where he is regarded as one of its most worthy citizens.

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#### WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS

For more than forty years William A. Phillips has been connected with the Dannemiller Grocery Company, of Canton, and for the past twenty-five years has been treasurer of this well known concern, in the success of which he has been an active factor. Mr. Phillips was born in Canton, November 30, 1867. His father, Adam Phillips, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, where he attended school to the age of eleven years, when he came to the United States. In 1838 he came to Canton and here learned the trade of blacksmithing, which he followed for a number of years. Later he engaged in farming and stock-raising, his farm being located in what is now a fine residence section of the city and including the present site of the McKinley monument. On this farm also he maintained a lime kiln and mined considerable coal. He was an active and energetic man, square in all of his dealings, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He married Elizabeth Ostien, who was born in 1837, in Wayne county, Ohio, a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family, and her death occurred in Canton in 1916, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Phil-

lips had six children, five sons and one daughter, all of whom are living, namely: Theodore J., a dentist in Canton; George E., of Canton; Flora; William A.; August H.; and Victor F.

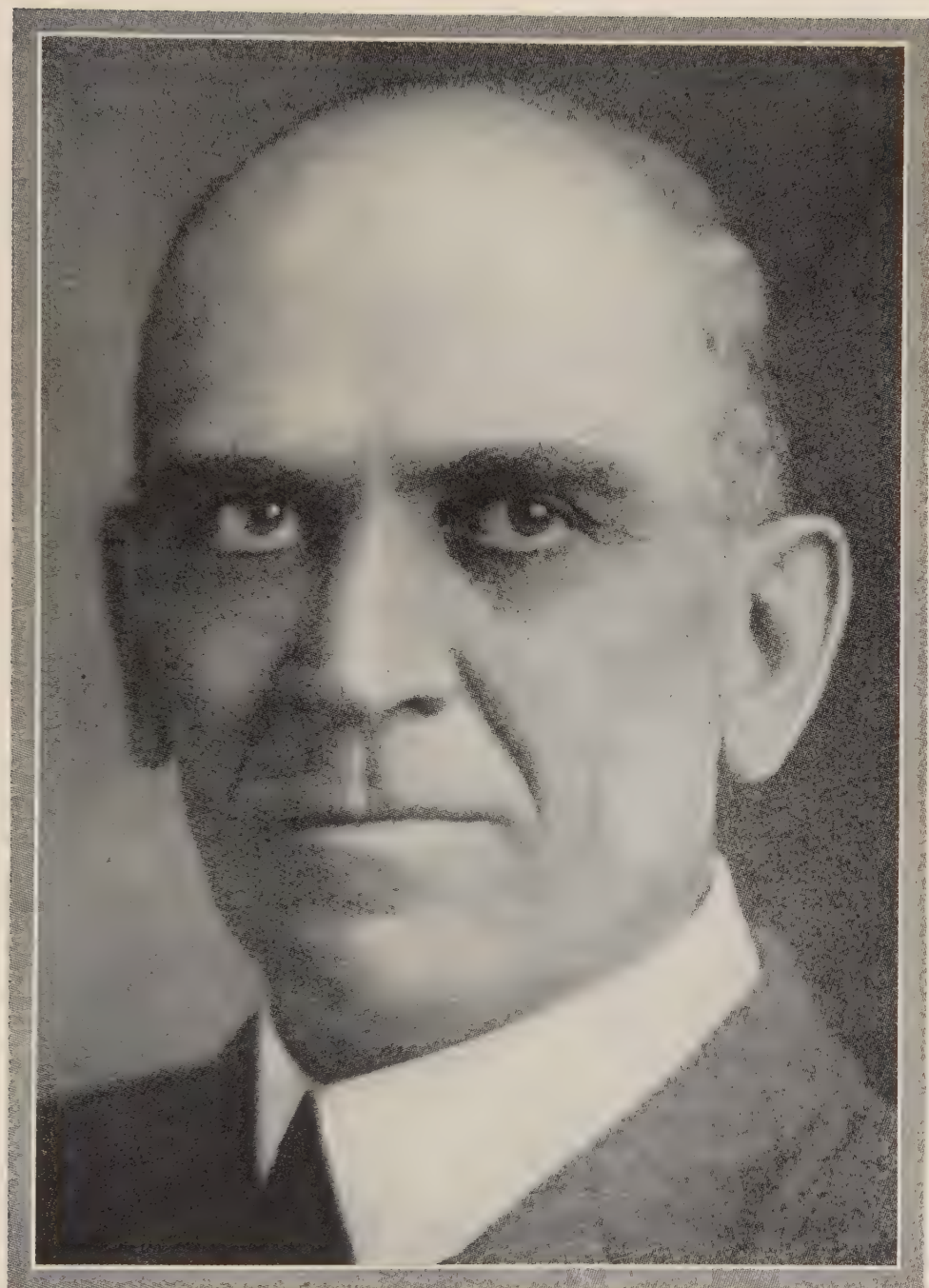
William A. Phillips received his educational training in the public schools of Canton and at the age of eighteen years went to work as a clerk for B. Dannemiller & Sons. Later he became a traveling salesman for that company and in 1902, upon the incorporation, was made treasurer of the company, which position he has filled to the present time.

On June 16, 1896, in Canton, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Dannemiller, a daughter of William and Louise (Hemann) Dannemiller, representatives of old and prominent families of this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been born three children: Eugene William married Miss Marjorie Hayes and they have a daughter, Mary Eugenia; John J. married Miss Marguerite Page and they have three children, John, William and Barbara Ann; and Robert F. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the United Commercial Travelers, of which he is a past grand councilor of the state of Ohio. He is also a member of the advisory board of Mercy Hospital. A gentleman of sound business judgment, sterling character and pleasing personality, he has long held a high place in the business circles of his city and commands to a marked degree the respect and esteem of all who know him. He has stood consistently for the best in the life of the community, lending his efforts and influence to public advancement along material, civic and moral lines, and is regarded as one of its most dependable citizens.

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#### MILTON B. HAINES

Milton B. Haines, who is giving able and effective service as judge of the municipal court of Massillon, has made an honorable record at the bar, being regarded as one of the able and reliable lawyers of Stark county. He was born on a farm in Union county, Ohio, on the 24th of September, 1876, a son of Caleb F. and Margretta D. (Miller) Haines, the former of whom died in 1908. He secured his early education in the public schools of his native county and later entered Ohio Northern University at Ada, from



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which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898. In 1900 he went to Washington, D. C., where he secured a position in the census bureau, and while there he attended the law school of George Washington University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1906 and was admitted to the bar. During his years in Washington he was associated with Senator Foraker and also served as private secretary to Congressman Cole.

From 1912 to 1918 Mr. Haines practiced law in Union county, Ohio, and also served as prosecuting attorney for a time. In 1918 he came to Massillon and has been engaged in professional work here continuously since, building up a large and remunerative practice. In 1927 he was elected judge of the municipal court on a nonpartisan ticket, defeating the former judge, Arthur N. Kaley, and is discharging his judicial duties in a very satisfactory manner. He has given the republican party his support and has taken a keen interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. A man of splendid personal qualities and agreeable manner, he has made loyal friends in Massillon and commands the uniform respect of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM ALLISON THOMPSON

For more than a score of years William Allison Thompson has been identified with the banking interests of Alliance as cashier of the Peoples Bank Company and has been an important factor in the splendid history of that strong and influential institution. He is a man of sagacity and discriminating judgment and stands high in the esteem of his associates. He was born in Wattsville, Ohio, March 4, 1857, and is a son of Robert G. and Jane (Hutson) Thompson. His father was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1827, and in early life was a shoemaker, subsequently becoming a farmer, which occupation he followed during his remaining years, his death occurring at Salineville, Columbiana county, this state. He served in the Union Army throughout the Civil war, was ever stanch and loyal as a citizen, voted the republican ticket and was a

member of the United Presbyterian church. He was a son of William and Margaret (George) Thompson, of whom the former was born in Pennsylvania and died in Pittsburgh, while the latter was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and died in Pennsylvania. Jane (Hutson) Thompson was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and died in Salineville, this state.

William A. Thompson acquired his education in the public schools at Wattsville, Ohio, and Westminster College, at New Wilmington. He taught school for seven or eight years, after which he became associated with Cope & Thompson, bankers at Salineville, as bookkeeper and rising to the position of cashier. He remained with that concern for twenty years and was then elected treasurer of Columbiana county for a four-year term. In 1907 he came to Alliance as cashier of the Peoples Bank Company, which had just been organized, and served in that capacity to the present time, his long retention in that responsible post standing in unmistakable evidence of the high type of service which he has rendered.

On June 18, 1885, in Salineville, Ohio, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Eva DeVeny, who was born in Salineville May 22, 1864, and is a daughter of William and Grace (Nixon) DeVeny. William DeVeny, who was a son of John DeVeny, a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Pennsylvania, followed the business of merchant tailor, and his death occurred in Salineville. He was a democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a veteran of the Civil war. His wife was born in Ireland and died in Salineville, Ohio. Mrs. Thompson received her early education in the public schools and then attended Beaver College, at Beaver, Pennsylvania. She is an active member of the United Presbyterian church and its societies, and belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of Veterans and the Alliance Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of five children, namely: Allison D., vice president of the Peoples Bank Company of Alliance, who is mentioned on other pages of this work; Mrs. Dr. H. M. Schweinsberger, of Alliance; Mrs. H. F. Wilson, of Detroit, Michigan; Robert Bruce, who is with the Union Trust Company, of Cleveland; and Janet Evangeline, a teacher in the Alliance high school.

Mr. Thompson has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party, served on the town council at Salineville and for a number of years has been a member of the board of education of Alli-

ance. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, R. & S. M.; Canton Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with the United Presbyterian church, of which he is treasurer. A man of sterling character and straightforward manner, he is cordial and affable in his social relations, and has proven well worthy the confidence and respect which are accorded him throughout the community.

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### WILLIAM LEE CALDWELL

William Lee Caldwell, of Canton, who is regarded as one of the foremost of Ohio's inventors and scientists, has contributed immeasurably to the material development and prosperity of the country, particularly along industrial lines, and his is a familiar and honored name in steel manufacturing circles, in which his inventive genius is held in high appreciation. Mr. Caldwell was born in Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, April 4, 1860, and is a son of Alexander and Isabella (Carey) Caldwell. His family in the maternal line is of Scotch-Irish origin, the progenitor in the United States having been John Carey, who came to America prior to the Revolutionary war and was one of the early settlers on the Virginia coast. Some of his descendants fought in the war of the Revolution and, tradition says, in the war of 1812. Alexander Caldwell was born in 1808 at Roundtop, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. He learned the tanning trade, which he followed in that state for a number of years, and about 1842 came to Ohio, settling at Bucyrus, where he resided until his death, in 1882. He was a man of sterling character and strong convictions, was an ardent abolitionist, and a devout Christian, of the Protestant faith. His wife was born at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, and was a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family of English origin. Her first American ancestor was John Carey, who came over on the first sailing vessel that brought the first sixty colonists to Virginia, and they there received the first land grant in this country. The Carey line is traced back to the reign of Henry VII, when Lord

Carey, who served in the King's cabinet, distinguished himself in the eyes of his sovereign by vindicating an affront in a successful sword duel, for which the King awarded him with a special crest, signifying honor, valor and skill as a swordsman, and this escutcheon was preserved in the family for many generations as a valued heirloom. Mrs. Isabel Caldwell died in 1884, at the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Caldwell had four sons and a daughter, all of whom are deceased except William Lee Caldwell, who attended the public schools of Bucyrus and completed his education in Wooster University. He remained on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, from which time on he has devoted his time to the development of original ideas and to research work. His early efforts were along the line of improving the formula for the fusion of various metals for steel process purposes, in which he showed deep insight into the properties of the various metals. During subsequent years he has invented and patented many contrivances regarded now as every-day necessities, and thus has contributed to the welfare and progress of society. For twenty-eight years he was associated in a scientific capacity with the manufacturing division of the great steel corporation, the Barger Manufacturing Company, of Canton, and during that period established the principle or formula for the construction of the two first fire-proof buildings erected in the United States, the first in Detroit, Michigan, and the second in Toledo, Ohio. The latter, erected many years ago, has a present valuation of over one million dollars, while the other building has withstood the ravages of time and the elements in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Caldwell holds a number of patents connected with the steel industry, the most important perhaps being that for a rotary process for producing diamond mesh steel lath, a material now in general use and which has proven a most important factor in modern building construction. He also invented a method of multiple construction of steel frame dwellings, whereby any sized house can be erected from the material produced in quantity, in multiples of two feet.

In addition to his inventive activities along mechanical lines, Mr. Caldwell has devoted much study to scientific subjects, and for the past twenty-five years has given much thought and research work to our own planet and its creation. In his conclusions, he has coincided very materially with the theory of evolution, particularly

in its relation to the forms of life and its development from simple or low organic life, consisting of single cells. He hopes to show eventually, in a practical manner, through light, ether and other forms of nature, including the rainbow, the secret of the establishment of our creation and present existence. Mr. Caldwell is a firm believer in a supreme being and in a future spiritual life. The results of his research work and his theories are known to but a few intimate friends, some representatives of the press and others engaged in scientific research. He has been strongly urged to contribute his writings for publication, accompanying them with charts and drawings in exposition or illustration of his theories, but he has refrained from doing so, believing that the world generally is not yet ready to receive even the most conclusive proof of our long-established ideas of life and its creation. It is possible, however, that he may at some future time produce in book form the results of his many years of earnest and painstaking labor along scientific lines.

In 1912 Mr. Caldwell was united in marriage to Miss Arline Clarke, who was born and reared in Canton and is a daughter of Earl Clarke. Mrs. Caldwell is an active member of the Congress Lake Country Club and the Canton Woman's Club. In his political views Mr. Caldwell is a republican, and he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E.; Canton Circle, No. 26, P. H. C.; the United Commercial Travelers, the Congress Lake Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and for twenty-five years was a singer in the various church choirs of this city. A gentleman of scholarly tastes and habits, a keen observer of men and events, he holds well defined opinions on the great issues of the day, and is regarded as one of Canton's substantial and dependable citizens, commanding the sincere confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### SAMUEL A. SEACRIST

One of the most efficient and reliable public accounting firms in Stark county is that of Baker & Seacrist, of Canton, the junior member of which is Samuel A. Seacrist. Mr. Seacrist received thorough training in accountancy and his work has been of a qual-

ity that has excited favorable comment from those who have given him their patronage. Mr. Seacrist was born in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of January, 1895, and is a son of Burt R. and May P. (Stoner) Seacrist, the former born at Freeburg, Stark county, Ohio, April 23, 1870, and the latter June 18, 1872. On the paternal side Mr. Seacrist comes of Swiss ancestry, while his mother's antecedents were Irish on one side and Quaker on the other.

Samuel A. Seacrist attended the grammar grades and the high school freshman year at Struthers, Ohio, and then came to Canton, where he spent one year as a sophomore in the old Central high school. He next secured a position in Zollinger's department store, and at night attended the Canton Actual Business College, where he studied bookkeeping, and also studied stenography at the East Ohio Business College. He continued his studies at the Young Men's Christian Association night school, where he took the Paul Joseph Esquerre course of theory of accounts. He remained with Zollinger's from 1909 to 1911, and in the fall of the latter year attended Canton Actual Business College for a short day term. He then entered the City National Bank, where he was employed for four years, after which he became bookkeeper for the Erlanger Dry Goods Company, with which he remained from the fall of 1915 until May 12, 1917, when he enlisted for service in the World war. Becoming a member of the One Hundred Forty-fifth Ambulance Company, One Hundred Twelfth Sanitary Train, Thirty-seventh Division, he was in training at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, where he remained from October to June 1, 1918, and then embarked for France, but after crossing the Atlantic traveled by way of Glasgow, Scotland, Southampton, England, to Cherbourg, France, where he arrived in July 1918. His first initiation in actual warfare was in the Baccarat sector, after which he was in the Argonne Forest, Saint Mihiel, Ypres, Eyne twice, and Escault. He remained in France until March, 1918, when he sailed from Brest for the United States, and on his arrival was sent to Camp Mills and thence to Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, Ohio, where he received his honorable discharge on April 12, 1919.

Mr. Seacrist then returned to Canton and on June 19th became bookkeeper for the T. K. Harris Company, with which he remained until June 15, 1926, when he formed a partnership with A. B. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Seacrist, and estab-

lished offices in the Brant building. They have enjoyed a steady increase of business, their good work being their best advertisement, and are now numbered among the prosperous business firms of Canton.

Mr. Seacrist gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious connection is with the First United Brethren church of Canton. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and Nazir Grotto. He also belongs to the American Legion and the Forty and Eight. Mr. Seacrist is a lover of good music and is a skilled player of both pipe organ and piano, which he studied under Ralph Clewell of Canton. Candid and straightforward in manner and cordial and friendly in his social relations, he is well known throughout this city and all who have come in contact with him hold him in the highest regard.

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#### LEWIS A. BUCHMAN, M. D.

In the field of medical and surgical practice Dr. Lewis A. Buchman, of Canton, has gained a reputation which far transcends local limitations, being particularly distinguished for his skill and success in surgery, so that his professional record has won him an enviable place in public esteem. Dr. Buchman was born at East Sparta, Pike township, Stark county, on the 7th of May, 1875, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knott) Buchman. His father was born in Pike township and was a son of Lewis and Mary (Thomas) Buchman, of whom the former was born at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, the son of a pioneer of that locality who had come from Alsace, France. The Thomas family had long been established in Westmoreland county. Jacob Buchman was reared and educated in Pike township and devoted his efforts to agricultural pursuits, owning a good farm, whereon he specialized in raising pure bred cattle, in which business he gained a wide reputation. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with the hundred-day men. Politically he was a stanch republican and his religious faith was that of the Church of the Disciples. He died at the age of fifty-nine years. Elizabeth (Knott) Buchman was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and was a daughter of John and Margarite (Miller) Knott. Her father

was a canal boat captain in early life, but later turned his attention to farming, in which he met with large success. To Jacob and Elizabeth Buchman were born four children: Lewis A.; Anna, who is the wife of James H. Thompson, of Waynesburg, Stark county; John K., a resident of Hartville, Stark county; and Henry, who lives at Cresline, Ohio, and is a railroad engineer.

Lewis A. Buchman attended the public schools of East Sparta, the Eastern Ohio Normal School, Ohio State University and then matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. He spent one year as interne in the Cleveland General Hospital, after which he took postgraduate work in the Lying-in Hospital in New York city and the Post Graduate School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. He next located in East Sparta, where he engaged in general practice for three years, at the end of which time he came to Canton, where he has since practiced, specializing in surgery of late years.

On June 6, 1913, in Canton, Dr. Buchman was united in marriage to Miss Molly Jane Reed, who was born in Navarre, Stark county, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Jennie (Shertzer) Reed, both of whom were members of old and prominent Stark county families. Mrs. Buchman's grandfather, John Shertzer, a pioneer thresher and a highly respected citizen of his community, lived to the age of ninety-two years. Mrs. Buchman is an auxiliary worker in the Aultman Hospital in Canton and takes an active part in the affairs of the First Christian church. Dr. and Mrs. Buchman are the parents of a daughter, Martha, who was born August 17, 1915.

Dr. Buchman gives his support to the republican party, but his professional duties preclude his taking a very active part in public affairs. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; the Scottish Rite Consistory, the Mystic Shrine and the Lakeside Shrine Club. His religious membership is with the First Christian church, of which he is a deacon. He has served as a member of the medical staff of Aultman hospital since 1909 and is the present attending surgeon. During the World war Dr. Buchman served for six months in military activities at Camp Holabird, Maryland, where he was commissioned a captain, and was honorably discharged with that rank on March 31, 1918. He maintains professional affiliation with the Canton Medical Society, of which he is

a past president; the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons. He thus keeps in close touch with the latest researches and discoveries of medical and surgical science and readily and accurately adapts his knowledge to specific needs, his highly developed skill gaining him recognition as one of the leading surgeons of Ohio.

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### FREDERICK W. RENNER

For nearly sixty years Frederick W. Renner has been identified with some phase of the meat business and for the greater part of this time has been a resident of Canton, where he has achieved success and won a creditable position among the active and respected business men of Stark county. Mr. Renner was born at Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 2d of December, 1857, and is a son of Charles and Mary S. (Albright) Renner, the former born in the Rhine river country of Germany, and the latter at Bolivar, Ohio, though of German descent. Mr. Renner's paternal grandfather came to this country from Germany in an early day, landing at New York city, whence he removed to Ohio, settling on a farm adjoining the famous communistic colony of Zoar.

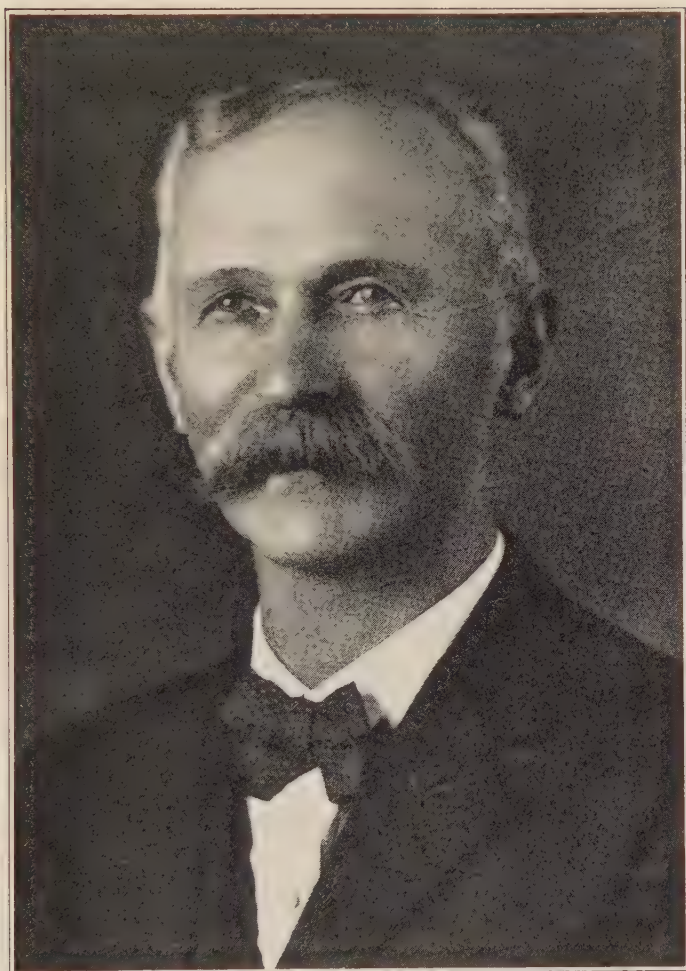
Frederick W. Renner received a limited education in the grade school of Bolivar, which he attended only to the fourth grade, when he went to work for his father in the butchering business, at which he was employed until nineteen years of age, learning every detail of the work from killing to cutting. He then engaged in a retail meat business, which he carried on until twenty-three years of age, when he sold out and started a general slaughtering and abattoir business, as well as collecting of tallow and scrap. This venture proved successful from the start and during the subsequent years he has steadily and continuously increased so that instead of the one horse and small wagon with which he started he now has a large fleet of trucks, which cover many counties of eastern Ohio. The business is located at the rear of 1918 Sherrick road Southeast, Canton, where Mr. Renner is ably assisted by four of his sons. As he has prospered he has wisely invested in real estate and now has some valuable property holdings.

Mr. Renner was married on November 23, 1877, at Dellroy, Carroll county, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Russell, who was there born and reared. Her family for many generations lived in the New England states. After her death, Mr. Renner was married, September 4, 1911, to Miss Laurretta Stump, who was born at Sandyville, Ohio, September 2, 1871, and is descended from old American stock, being a daughter of Christian Stump, now deceased. Mr. Renner is the father of six children, namely: Dessa S., the wife of Edward Wesp, of Canton; Lettie S., wife of E. E. Smith, of Canton; William E., who married Miss Sadie Klinger-man, of Canton; Bert B., Harry A. and Robert R. All of the sons are interested in their father's business. In his political views Mr. Renner has always been a stanch republican. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Commercial Travelers, and he and his wife belong to the First Christian church of Canton, to which they give liberal support. Though past the psalmist's allotted age of three score and ten, Mr. Renner is still active, takes a keen interest in the affairs of his community, and all who know him hold him in high regard for his achievements and his splendid character.

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### JAMES B. WILCOX

James B. Wilcox, president of the Alliance Clay Product Company, was born in Deerfield township, Portage county, Ohio, on the 20th of March, 1856, and is a son of Alexander Hamilton and Adaline (Barrick) Wilcox. His paternal great-grandparents, Abel and Susanna (Hall) Wilcox, were the parents of William L. Wilcox, who was born in Massachusetts, August 7, 1777, and in 1816 came to Deerfield township, Portage county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, being a farmer by vocation. On February 23, 1803, he was married to Miss Lucinda Gibbs, who was born in East Windsor, Massachusetts, and died in Deerfield, Portage county, Ohio. They were the parents of Alexander Hamilton Wilcox, who was born in Massachusetts, November 27, 1812, and died in Deerfield township, Portage county, Ohio, in April, 1898. He was a carpenter and builder and became the owner of land. He supported the democratic party and held a number of township



*J. B. Wilcox*



offices. His wife was born near Frederick, Maryland, in February, 1817, and died at the Portage county homestead in April, 1900.

James B. Wilcox secured his educational training in the public schools of his home neighborhood and at Heading Seminary, Abingdon, Illinois. He worked on his father's farm until twenty years of age, when he learned the trade of a stone and brick mason under James Lee, of Salina, Kansas, where he remained one year. He then went to Lincoln Center, Lincoln county, Kansas, where he engaged in that line of business on his own account for three years. Going to Arkansas, he spent one winter as clerk in a cotton gin establishment, after which he returned to Deerfield township, Portage county, Ohio, and followed his trade. With his family, Mr. Wilcox moved to Alliance in the spring of 1887 and has made this city his home since that time, following his occupation of brick-layer and stonecutter, and later as a mason contractor. Shortly after the organization of The Alliance Clay Product Company, he became its active manager, which position he still holds. His connection with this notable Alliance industry is commented upon more fully at another point in this history.

On July 2, 1882, in Deerfield, Ohio, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Shively, who was born in July, 1859, and died in Alliance, February 17, 1925. She was a daughter of Charles and Lucy Ann (Knoles) Shively, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Deerfield, Ohio. In early life he followed shoemaking, but in later years turned his attention to farming. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics was first a democrat and later a prohibitionist. He served as a member of the school board and held other township offices. His wife, who also died in Deerfield, was a native of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox became the parents of four children, namely: J. Otis, born July 6, 1883, and now secretary and assistant manager of the Alliance Clay Product Company, married Miss Elsie Wock of Alliance, and they have a son, James Wock. Dayton C., born in October, 1885, and now maintenance superintendent of the Machined Steel Casting Company, married Miss Mayme Ketter, of Alliance, and they have two children, Donald and Dorothy. Mabel, born in 1889, is the wife of R. C. Schneeberger, a funeral director in Alliance, and they have two children, Annie and Louis.

Eva, born in 1891, is the wife of George S. Miller, who is associated with the Machined Steel Casting Company, and they have two children, Rachel and James.

In his political views, Mr. Wilcox is nominally a democrat but maintains an independent attitude at local elections, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He is a member of Lone Rock Lodge, No. 23, K. P. During the World war he took an active part in the various drives and gave his earnest support to all local war movements. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has shown a deep interest in everything relating to the welfare and prosperity of his city and county. His success in life has come as the legitimate result of his determined and persistent efforts along right lines, and his record since coming to Alliance has stamped him as a man of distinctive business ability, a splendid executive and progressive in all of his methods.

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### J. OATIS WILCOX

One of Alliance's most active and successful business men is J. Oatis Wilcox, secretary and assistant general manager of The Alliance Clay Product Company and officially identified with several other business organizations of the city. He enjoys a deserved reputation as a progressive and enterprising man and is regarded as one of his city's reliable and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Deerfield, Portage county, Ohio, on the 6th of July, 1883, and is a son of James B. and Susanna (Shively) Wilcox, to whom detailed reference is made in the personal sketch of J. B. Wilcox on other pages of this work. J. Oatis Wilcox attended the public schools, graduating from the Alliance high school in 1901, after which he studied architecture in Cleveland, Ohio. He became associated with his father in the mason contracting business in Alliance, specializing in both common brick work and fire brick, and remaining identified with that line until 1909, when he became a salesman for the Consolidated Realty Company. With the organization of the West Park Realty Company, about 1910, he became its secretary and treasurer, which positions he still holds, though he is not now



*J. Oates Wilcox*



otherwise actively connected with the company, having in August, 1919, become secretary and assistant general manager of The Alliance Clay Product Company. He has devoted his attention very closely to the interests of that business, which has become one of the important and prosperous industries of Alliance. Mr. Wilcox is also a director in the City Savings Bank; a director of the Alliance Building & Savings Company; president of the Consolidated Investment Company; and a director of the Sterling Brick Company, of Detroit, Michigan.

On September 28, 1905, in Alliance, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Nane Wock, who was born September 30, 1885, and is a daughter of Edward C. and Hattie (Youngblood) Wock. Her father, who was born in Middlebranch, Ohio, was for many years a locomotive engineer, and is now deceased, and his widow lives in Alliance. Mrs. Wilcox was graduated from the Alliance high school in 1903 and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Mount Union College Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have one son, James Wock, who was born in Alliance, March 12, 1915.

Mr. Wilcox is nominally a republican but is an independent voter. He is a member of Conrad Lodge No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council No. 112, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery No. 67, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander; Emith Lodge of Perfection, at Canton; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cleveland; and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland. He is an honorary member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity of Mount Union College, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Rotary Club, of both of which organizations he is a past president; the Masonic Temple Company, of which he is vice president of the board of directors; the Alliance Country Club; the Congress Lake Country Club; and the Cleveland Athletic Club. He is widely known in Stark county and throughout the range of his acquaintance is held in the highest regard for his strong character and his genial personal qualities.

Mr. Wilcox is an enthusiastic booster for clay products and is much interested in associational work. His splendid addresses and able discussions made at the National Brick Manufacturers conventions and at various group meetings have established for

him a high rank in the craft. He is vice president of the National Brick Manufacturers Association and a member of the executive committee of the organization.

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### THE ALLIANCE CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY

James B. Wilcox for many years operated as a mason contractor in northeastern Ohio and quite naturally was seriously concerned with the question of a suitable supply of satisfactory face and common brick, so that when discovery was made of the fact that a very excellent deposit of clay and shale existed within the corporate limits of his own home town of Alliance, Ohio, he immediately developed an interest in the proposition of becoming one of a small number of local citizens grouped together for the purpose of building and operating a brick plant.

In the summer of 1906 the plans of this group culminated in the organization of The Alliance Clay Product Company with an authorized capital of fifty thousand dollars, and the erection of eight thirty-foot round down-draft kilns was commenced. Among the incorporators were W. S. Epperson, George Reeves, D. B. Turnipseed, Ross Rue and Adam Gresser. The first board of directors was composed of George Reeves, James B. Wilcox, Ross Rue, Howard Hillis, Adam Gresser, James Estep and John Eyer. The first manager was Ross Rue, who was shortly followed by Otis U. Walker. The brick game in Alliance was new and investors hesitated in making their investments in the clay industry, with the result that difficulty was encountered in disposing of all of the capital stock, and, even after the plant was completed, the lack of working capital proved a handicap to operations, with the result that the initial years of the new organization were beset by troublous seas. In 1909, when the organization was yet in its infancy, Otis U. Walker, the general manager, succumbed to an attack of malarial fever, and The Alliance Clay Product Company was left without a managing head.

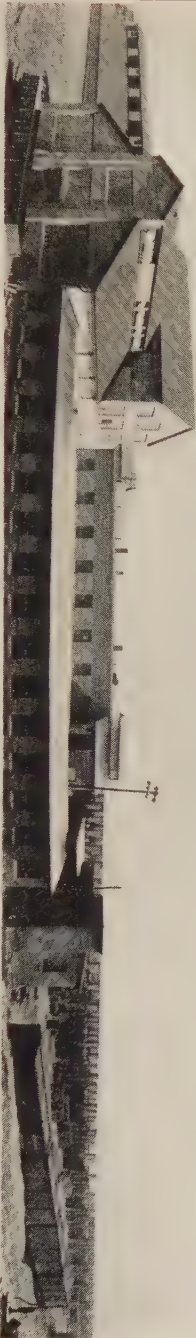
Through his operations as contractor in the building of the plant and by reason of his investment in the capital stock, James B. Wilcox had become considerably interested in the welfare of the new industry, and arrangements were made for Mr. Wilcox



*Plant No. 1*



*Plant No. 2*



*Plant No. 3*

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to assume the active management of the affairs of the company until such time as some one more competent might be secured. That arrangement, made early in 1910, still stands and for the past seventeen years the senior Mr. Wilcox has been at the helm of affairs with the Alliance Clay Product Company in the matter of active management, serving also during this period as treasurer of the company and since 1925 as its president.

In 1914 the business of the company had developed to such proportions that it was found necessary to build the second plant, which was located near the No. 1 plant at Alliance. In 1924 the third plant was built adjacent to plant No. 2 at Alliance, and in 1925 approximately five hundred acres of shale and clay properties were secured in the Paris-Robertsville district with frontage on the New York Central Railroad and Pennsylvania Railroad, which is held in reserve for future requirements.

For the first several years the operation of the plants was devoted largely to the manufacture of vitrified paving block. This block under the trade name of "Speedway Block" developed an enviable position among brick road surfacing materials. With the increased demand for face brick, however, in 1920 the company found it advantageous to devote its production to a varied line of building brick and its development of new color treatments and facing textures are numbered among the outstanding notable achievements of this branch of the ceramic industry.

No more definite proof of this statement could be given than to present the shipping records of the local freight offices, showing the monthly car loadings from The Alliance Clay Product Company plants to regularly approximate four hundred cars, sometimes exceeding this total, making this company by far the largest shipper of outbound carloads of any Alliance industry.

Many of the outstanding buildings of the country's first cities are from the products of these plants, New York, Chicago, Detroit and Boston areas consuming approximately one-half of their production. The immense Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Terminal in Chicago and the Woodrow Wilson apartment in New York city are among the monumental edifices using the products of Alliance kilns.

The present board of directors is composed of James B. Wilcox, Oatis Wilcox, Robert Auld, Ann Ballou, John Eyer, L. D. Scranton, George Coleman, P. D. Howell and Charles Schwalem.

The officers are J. B. Wilcox, president, treasurer and general manager; Oatis Wilcox, secretary and assistant general manager; John Eyer, vice president; George Gurney, superintendent; and John H. Jones, office manager.

Early in the history of The Alliance Clay Product Company, J. Oatis Wilcox, eldest son of J. B. Wilcox, became interested as a member of the board of directors of the company. His previous association with his father in the contracting business had created a special interest in the brick game, and although he was actively engaged in real estate sub-division work, he found considerable interest in the various activities of the clay industry, and in 1919 became actively associated with his father in the management of the affairs of The Alliance Clay Product Company as secretary and assistant manager, which position he still retains.

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### ROBERT ELIHU STAUFFER

Among the members of the faculty of Mt. Union College, at Alliance, none is held in higher esteem than is Prof. Robert E. Stauffer, librarian and professor of Greek, whose ability, efficiency and personality have gained for him recognition as one of the most valuable assets of the institution with which he is identified. Professor Stauffer was born in Kent, Portage county, Ohio, on the 25th of July, 1884, and is a son of George L. and Eva E. (Sanford) Stauffer. His paternal grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Myers) Stauffer, were natives of Ohio and died at Greentown, this state, where Mr. Stauffer had engaged in farming. He was a democrat in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. George L. Stauffer was born at Uniontown, Ohio, October 26, 1839, and was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits, but is now retired and lives at Kent, Ohio. He gives his political support to the democratic party and has long been actively interested in public affairs, having served a number of years as a member of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the board of trustees. His wife was born at Rootstown, Ohio, in 1844, and died at Kent, Ohio, November 21, 1924. She was a daughter of William and Lavina (Beach) Sanford. Her father, William Sanford,

was a native of Connecticut, followed farming, and died in Kent, Ohio. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and supported the republican party. He had five sons, Emerson, George, Addison, Selden and Percil, all of whom served in the Union Army during the Civil war, and one was killed in battle and one died of disease. There were also two daughters, Lucinda and Eva, the mother of Robert E. Stauffer. Lavina (Beach) Sanford was born in New Milford, Connecticut, and died at Kent, Ohio. She was a cousin of Harriet Beecher Stowe, their mothers having been twin sisters.

Robert E. Stauffer graduated from the Kent high school in 1902 and entered Mt. Union College, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1906. He became a graduate student in Greek and English at Harvard University, from which institution he received his Master's degree in 1908. He did graduate work in the University of Chicago in 1913, and in 1919 graduated from the New York State Library School with the degree of Bachelor of Library Science. From 1909 to 1915 he served as professor of English at West Virginia Wesleyan College and during the following two years was head of the English department in Willamette University, at Salem, Oregon. In 1920, having completed his course in library science, he returned to Mt. Union College as librarian and head of the English department. Since 1921 he has been librarian and alumni professor of Greek.

On August 29, 1912, at Kent, Ohio, Professor Stauffer was united in marriage to Miss Lourena C. Geisinger, who was born at Massillon, Ohio, December 17, 1887, and is a daughter of Isaac A. and Sarah A. (White) Geisinger, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Stauffer graduated from Kent high school in 1906 and attended Buchtel College, at Akron, after which she taught in the public schools of Kent to the time of her marriage. She is now rendering effective service as assistant librarian at Mt. Union College, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Mt. Union College Women's Club and the Campus Circle. Professor and Mrs. Stauffer are the parents of two sons, Robert Eliot, born June 9, 1913, in Chicago, Illinois, and now a senior in Western Reserve Academy, at Hudson, Ohio, and Alfred Lloyd, born September 29, 1914, in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Professor Stauffer is a member of the Sigma Nu college fraternity and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episco-

pal church. In 1924 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Carnegie free library of Alliance. During 1922-23 he served as vice president of the Ohio Library Association and was chairman of the college and reference section of that body. He is a member of the American Library Association and of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. In his political views he is nominally a republican, but an independent voter. He is the author of a notable study published in book form under the title, "The American Spirit in the Writings of Americans of Foreign Birth." Professor Stauffer is enthusiastically devoted to his life work, in which he is meeting with distinctive success. Thorough educational preparation, natural adaptability and an agreeable and pleasing manner contribute to his effectiveness in the classroom, while his comprehensive knowledge of library technique is evidenced in the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his duties as librarian. Cordial and affable in his social relations, he is a friend to every student and enjoys well merited popularity.

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### SIMON A. SPILKER

To Simon A. Spilker, a well known public accountant of Canton, is due a large meed of credit for what he has accomplished in life, as he has been the architect of his own fortunes, having started to earn his own livelihood at the age of sixteen years. Hard work, faithful service and that sound judgment which is ordinarily called common sense have been contributing elements to his success and he commands the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Spilker was born in Rockford, Illinois, February 23, 1891, a son of John C. and Helen (Simon) Spilker. His father was born in Westphalia, Germany, on August 15, 1853, and was there reared to manhood. On coming to the United States he first settled in New York, but later moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, where he resided for a number of years. He then settled in Rockford, Illinois, but after four years came to Canton, Ohio, where occurred his death April 6, 1922. During his active years he was employed as a watchcase finisher, a trade which he had learned in New Jersey. He was independent in his political views and was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. His

wife, Helen (Simon) Spilker, born August 9, 1860, in Appleton, Wisconsin, is now a resident of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Spilker had three children: Simon A.; Helen; and John S., who is an accountant with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, of Canton.

Simon A. Spilker was educated in the parochial schools at Appleton, Wisconsin, and the public and high schools of Canton. When sixteen years of age he went to work as an office boy for the American Bridge Company, of Canton, with which he remained six years, winning successive promotions, becoming assistant to the plant accountant and finally in charge of the order department. He was next with the Leonard Agency Company, dealers in real estate and life insurance, of which concern he was made secretary and assistant treasurer. He remained there six years and on September 1, 1918, became associated with John E. O. Feller and Robert F. Dixon, public accountants, with whom he remained for four years, while on October 1, 1922, he became auditor for the Gilliam Manufacturing Company of Canton, holding that position until the company was taken over by the Timken Roller Bearing Company, May 12, 1925. Mr. Spilker then engaged in the public accounting business, under the name of Simon A. Spilker & Company, and in this enterprise has met with gratifying success. The various positions which he filled prior to this venture had provided him with much valuable experience and he has rendered a type of service to his patrons that has been very satisfactory. Mr. Spilker is vice president and a director of the Buttonless Tire Company of Canton.

On June 15, 1914, in Canton, Mr. Spilker was united in marriage to Miss Corinne Ulmschneider, a native of Canton and a daughter of John and Anna Ulmschneider. Her father came to this city from Cincinnati in 1872 and for many years was connected with the Diebold Lock & Safe Company but is now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Spilker have three children: Dorothy Louise, born March 14, 1917; Georgine Marian, born July 8, 1922; and Richard Thomas, October 30, 1926.

Mr. Spilker is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church and is a past grand knight of Canton Council, No. 341, K. C. While deeply interested in public affairs, he is independent in his political views, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. The greater part of his education was received in night schools while he was holding his first position, in

which he received a salary of five dollars a week, and early years were marked by sacrifice and economy, but his ambition and determination carried him on and today he is reaping the fruits of his loyal and conscientious service in every situation in which he was placed. He has built up a large business, in which he specializes in corporation work, and is regarded as a reliable and trustworthy accountant.

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### JOHN FRANKLIN DOUGHERTY, D. D. S.

For forty-four years Dr. John Franklin Dougherty has been a member of the dental profession, practicing in Canton, and throughout this entire period has kept in close touch with the trend of professional thought and progress, acquainting himself with the results of modern research and scientific investigation. His superior skill in this field is widely acknowledged and his patronage has long been extensive. Moreover, his personal qualities have won him the warm friendship and high regard of those whom he has served and of the public at large, and he is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Stark county.

Born in Greentown on the 10th of August, 1858, he has spent his entire life in this county. His parents were James E. and Angeline (Gorgas) Dougherty. The father was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1820, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Crail) Dougherty, the former born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1796, while his death occurred in Richmond, Jefferson county, Ohio, March 30, 1831. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, June 25, 1801, and passed away in 1827. Her father, John Crail, was a native of the Isle of Man and served as an American soldier during the Revolutionary war. It was John Dougherty, grandfather of Dr. John F. Dougherty of this review, who established the family in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in the '20s, there spending his remaining days. His son, Dr. James E. Dougherty, became one of the prominent physicians of Stark county. After attending the public schools he continued his education in the Richmond (Ohio) Classical Institute and later took up the profession of teaching. While thus engaged he devoted his time outside the schoolroom to the study of

medicine and began practicing in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for five years. He then again settled in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he resided until 1849, when he located at Greentown, Stark county, where for thirty-six years he continued in active professional work, enjoying an extensive practice to the duties of which he was most loyal. During the Civil war he served as a lieutenant-colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and was engaged principally in garrison duty at Covington, Kentucky. He was long a recognized leader of the republican party in the county and in 1885 was elected county recorder, while in 1888 he was again chosen for that office. On the 11th of April, 1844, he wedded Phoebe L. Thompson, of Carroll county, Ohio, and following her demise he was married September 27, 1849, to Angeline Gorgas, of Greentown, a daughter of Thomas Gorgas, who was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and a representative of one of the old families of that state that came originally from Spain but was driven out of that country during the period of the inquisition and took refuge in Holland, whence representatives of the name came to the new world. The great-grandfather of Dr. John F. Dougherty was Joseph Gorgas, who established his home in Ohio in 1836, settling in Louisville, where he conducted business as a farmer and merchant. In early life, however, he had been a clockmaker, three generations of the family having followed that line of business. He was also one of the founders of Louisville and a street there was named in his honor. He greatly promoted the business activity of that place, where in addition to his other interests he engaged in the manufacture of brick. The death of Dr. James E. Dougherty, which occurred March 24, 1894, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was honored and esteemed by all who knew him and had endeared himself to many by reason of his sterling personal qualities as well as his professional skill. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, of the teachings of which he was a consistent follower. His wife survived him until April 22, 1927, reaching the notable old age of ninety-four years. She was the mother of eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are yet living, Charles A., who is engaged in the real estate business, John F. and Mary E.

At the usual age Dr. John Franklin Dougherty began his edu-

cation as a pupil in the public schools of Greentown and later he attended the Inland Institute of Summit county, Ohio. He next entered the office of his elder brother, Dr. Charles A. Dougherty of Canton, acting as his assistant until he had gained an excellent practical working knoweldge of the profession. In 1881 he opened an office at Minerva, Stark county, but desirous of further promoting his skill, he soon afterward matriculated in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, now the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the D. D. S. degree in 1884. He then returned to Canton, where he established an office, and through the intervening period he has been recognized as one of the leaders of his profession in this section of the state. His practice has constantly increased, having long made heavy demands upon his time and energies, while his skill is widely recognized not only by his patients but by his contemporaries in the field of dental surgery. He has always been a student of the science of dentistry and broad reading has kept him in touch with modern professional thought, methods and research. The Stark County Dental Society elected him to the presidency of the organization in 1914. He continues a valued member thereof and he also has membership in the Northern Ohio Dental Society, of which he was president in 1896, the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Few men are more widely or favorably known to the dental fraternity of Ohio than Dr. Dougherty.

At Minerva, Ohio, on the 17th of February, 1885, Dr. Dougherty wedded Miss Elizabeth Hostetter, who was there born and is a daughter of Dr. J. C. and Harriett (Haldeman) Hostetter, both representatives of old families of this state. Her father was a practicing physician at Minerva and was the son of the Hon. Jacob Hostetter, who was an associate judge of the common pleas court, while his father served as a member of congress from Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty have one son, Frank H., who married Elizabeth Johnston, a daughter of the Hon. Ulysses S. Johnston, who was municipal judge of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Dougherty have two children, John Franklin (II) and Ann Elizabeth. Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty reside at 1214 Market avenue, north. They are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the Doctor belongs to the Canton Club, the Brookside Country Club and the Congress Lake Club. He is also identi-

fied with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has never had time nor opportunity to seek public office and perhaps would not have had inclination to do so if the chance had offered. However, he has always maintained a progressive attitude in matters of citizenship and his cooperation is a valuable asset to any movement that seeks to further public welfare. His long residence in Canton, his extended connection with the profession, his fidelity to the highest standards of life have made him a most worthy citizen whose friendship is prized by all who have come within the closer circle of his acquaintance.

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#### JAMES B. DOUGHERTY, M. D.

In no field of human endeavor is there demanded more thorough training and exact skill than in that of surgery, and he who follows that profession literally holds in his hands the safety and lives of those who require his services. Dr. James B. Dougherty, of Canton, is conceded to be one of the leading surgeons of northeastern Ohio and commands the gratitude of hundreds who have been benefited by his capable ministrations. Dr. Dougherty was born in Greentown, Stark county, Ohio, on the 30th of March, 1880, and is a son of Dr. Lewis E. and Clara (Hart) Dougherty. His paternal grandparents were Dr. James E. and Evangeline (Gorgas) Dougherty, the latter a first cousin of Colonel Gorgas, who earned enduring fame because of his accomplishments in the sanitation of the Panama zone. James E. Dougherty was a pioneer physician and surgeon of Stark county, in the days when the doctor carried his remedies and instruments in saddle bags, and when the practice was anything but the comparatively pleasant profession it is today. Dr. Lewis A. Dougherty graduated from the Columbus Medical School in 1879 and practiced his profession in Greentown for forty years. He was a skilled and successful physician and commanded the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His death occurred in Akron, Ohio, in 1926, at the age of seventy-two years. Clara (Hart) Dougherty was born in Mogadore, Portage county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Benjamin and Mary

(Meacham) Hart. Her people came originally from England and tradition says that the progenitor of the family in this country was George Hart, who came over in the Mayflower. Mrs. Dougherty died in 1886, at the age of twenty-eight years. To Lewis E. and Clara Dougherty were born two children, James B., of this review, and Dr. E. G., a dentist in Canton.

James B. Dougherty secured his elementary education in the public schools of Greentown and then attended Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Graduate in Pharmacy in 1900. He then matriculated in the medical school of Ohio State University and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. He served eighteen months as interne in the Protestant Hospital in Columbus, after which he took post graduate work at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, Bellevue Hospital, New York city, the Post-Graduate Medical School in Chicago and the Post-Graduate Medical School in New York city, completing his preparation for his life work by study and research in European clinics. He entered upon the practice of his profession at New Berlin, now known as North Canton, where he remained until the United States became involved in the World war, when he immediately offered his services, being the first member of the Canton Medical Society to enlist. He was in training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, and Camp Taylor, at Louisville, and was commissioned a captain. He was sent overseas and there served until the close of the war, being stationed in various sectors at the front and was in the siege of Metz. He was honorably discharged, July 11, 1919, with the rank of major, and on his return to civil life established his office in Canton, where he has since conducted a general practice in medicine, but specializes in surgery, for which he made thorough and painstaking preparation, and his record has been one that has given him standing in the front rank of his profession in this locality. He is a visiting surgeon at Aultman Hospital.

Dr. Dougherty was married, November 17, 1904, to Miss Janet Evans, of Granville, Licking county, Ohio. After her death, at Toronto, Canada, he was married to Miss May Foster, a native of that city and a daughter of Thomas Foster. To Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty has been born a daughter, Mabel. The Doctor is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., of Canton;

Canton Lodge, K. P.; the University Club, the Canton Club and the Brookside Country Club, and maintains professional affiliation with the Stark County Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Because of the excellent results of his professional activities, as well as for his splendid personal qualities, he is held in the highest esteem throughout the community honored by his citizenship.

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### W. L. ARMSTRONG

W. L. Armstrong, who for a number of years has been actively engaged in the real estate business in Canton, was born in this city on the 24th of July, 1894, and is a son of Charles A. and Alice (Hershey) Armstrong. His father is remembered as one of the most popular and capable educators Canton has ever had. He was graduated from Mt. Union College, after which he engaged in educational work, which he followed during the remaining years of his life. During twenty years of this period he taught in the public schools of Canton and for more than ten years was principal of the Central high school. Politically he was a republican and his religious connection was with the First Methodist Episcopal church. He was a man of strong character, high attainments and marked ability as an educator and his death, which occurred in 1911, was regarded as a great loss to his community. Alice (Hershey) Armstrong was a native of Stark county and a daughter of William H. and Mary (Kinney) Hershey, of an old and prominent family of this locality. Her death occurred in 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born three children: William L.; Alice, who is the wife of Lawrence Wooddell, of Ravenna, Portage county, Ohio; and Charles J., who resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William L. Armstrong attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from the Central high school in 1913, and then took a course of study at Ohio State University. He engaged in the rubber business as a special representative of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, of Akron, with which concern he continued for four years. In 1921 he turned his attention to the real estate

business. He has specialized in building and selling fine residences and apartment buildings, and has built up an enviable reputation for the quality of his work.

On October 14, 1922, in Canton, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Gotschall, who was born near Carrollton, Carroll county, Ohio, and is a daughter of James and Ada Gotschall. In his political views Mr. Armstrong is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M. He belongs to the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, the Congress Lake Club and the Canton Real Estate Board, of which he is president. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Every enterprise having for its object the betterment of the city along material, civic or moral lines receives his support and his record has gained for him the sincere respect of all who know him. During the World war Mr. Armstrong enlisted in the United States Naval Air Service, in which he was commissioned an ensign, and engaged in submarine and convoy duty.

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#### RT. REV. MGR. CLEMENT H. TREIBER, V. F.

Preeminent among the able, successful and beloved clergymen of Stark county stands the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Clement H. Treiber, V. F., who for twenty-six years has served as pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Canton. His ministry here has been marked by tireless and devoted service, large and substantial achievement and distinctive recognition among the leading religious workers of this section of the state. It is not possible to adequately measure the height, depth and breadth of such a life, for its influence continues on through succeeding generations, and Father Treiber is uniformly regarded as one of the most efficient factors in the spiritual and moral development of the community which has been honored by his life and labors. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 20, 1856, he is a son of Maximillian and Amelia (Helmer) Treiber, of whom the former died in April, 1870. His parents were for many years residents of Cleveland and were married in the first Catholic church of that city, old St. Mary's on the Flats, where they worshipped for a long period. Father Treiber



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was baptized in St. Peter's church by its pastor, the late Very Rev. John H. Luhr, V. G., and attended that church and the parish school until 1862, after which he was in St. Joseph's parish until 1869. He then took up his classical studies under the Franciscan Fathers at Teutopolis, Illinois, where he was graduated in June, 1875. In the following September he entered St. Mary's Theological Seminary in Cleveland, where he completed five years work in philosophy and theology, and July 4, 1880, was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Gilmour in St. John's cathedral. His first appointment was to an extensive district, including Mineral Ridge, East Palestine, Salem, Canfield and Austintown, where he served seven years, and gave evidence of the energetic and progressive spirit which has characterized his entire career. During his first year he organized a congregation at East Palestine and built the church still used by that congregation, and in 1881 he erected St. Paul's church at Salem. In June, 1887, he was assigned to St. Joseph's church at Crestline, Ohio, where, in the following year, he built a new church, at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. He rendered highly effective service there for twelve years, during which time he had succeeded in liquidating all but twenty-five hundred dollars of the parish debt.

September, 1899, marked the beginning of Father Treiber's connection with the religious life of Canton, being in that year commissioned by Bishop Horstmann to organize the new parish of the Immaculate Conception in the southern part of this city. He took charge of the parish October 8th and within six months had bought a large tract of centrally located ground and begun the construction of a combination building known as the Chapel School and Immaculate Conception church. This building, which is of vitrified brick, cost twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars. So notably effective was his work with that church that he was commissioned to organize St. Joseph's church in the western part of Canton, and in June, 1902, he organized the congregation and said the first mass in a hall opposite the car barns on Tuscarawas street. With his characteristic energy, he immediately laid plans for the erection of a house of worship and in August, 1902, secured a well located tract of ground at the corner of Tuscarawas and Columbus streets, on which was begun in the same month the construction of a combination church, hall, chapel and school. The cornerstone was laid September 21, 1902, by the late Bishop Horst-

mann, of Cleveland, and the building was completed in June, 1903. During the subsequent years many important additions have been made to the church property, including an annex school, constructed in 1917, and other buildings, including the pastor's residence and the sisters' home. In March, 1921, the foundation was started for the erection of a beautiful new church and on November 13th of that year the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Schrembs, of Cleveland. On June 25, 1922, in the absence of Bishop Schrembs, who was then in Rome, the Rt. Rev. August J. Schwertner, bishop of Wichita, Kansas, and a native of Canton, blessed and dedicated the present basement church, and also sang a pontifical high mass. The old chapel, which had served its purpose for twenty years, was remodeled into four comfortable school rooms, and in September, 1922, the school opened with an enrollment of four hundred and twenty children and a teaching staff of seven sisters and two lay teachers. Father Treiber has always given particular attention to the educational work of the parish, which had its inception in August, 1903, when the Sisters of St. Joseph came from Cleveland to inaugurate the parish school. In the following month three rooms were opened, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty pupils and a teaching staff of three Sisters. From that time steady progress has been made in the care and education of the children until today the splendid school, with eight Sisters and three lay teachers, cares for a group of five hundred and twenty children. The parish now owns a plot of ground seven hundred feet deep by two hundred and twenty-five feet wide, and the buildings and equipment are very satisfactory, meeting the needs of the parish work.

Father Treiber has had several able and worthy assistants in the work of his parish, the first of whom, Rev. Francis J. Dietz, came on June 5, 1919, who remained until 1924, when he went to Colorado for the benefit of his health and is now registrar and professor at Holy Cross Abbey, at Canon City, that state. Rev. John Schaefer came to the parish in July, 1924, remaining until March, 1925, when he was transferred to St. Philip Neri's, Cleveland. On April 1, 1925, Rev. R. G. Bourgeois became assistant pastor and still holds that position. Rev. Joseph Riccardi served as assistant from August to October, 1925, and is now at St. Anthony's church, Canton, and was followed by Rev. Joseph Raible, who was at St. Joseph's until July, 1926. He was succeeded by

Rev. Ralph L. Kline, who is still serving here. The parish now comprises six hundred families and during the years has rendered immeasurable service to the community spiritually and educationally, standing today as one of Canton's most important institutions.

Well deserved honors have come to Father Treiber, each of which was made the occasion of extraordinary ceremonies and the visitation of a number of dignitaries of the church. The first was on January 18, 1923, when, at a solemn high mass sung by the pastor in the presence of about thirty priests, Rt. Rev. Joseph Smith, V. G., installed Rev. Treiber as dean of the Canton district, which includes Stark, Wayne and Ashland counties, with about twenty churches and twenty-eight priests. The second and greater honor was that conferred by the Holy Father when he raised Rev. Treiber to the rank of a Domestic Prelate. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Schrembs officiated at the ceremony, and about seventy-five dignitaries and priests were present to witness the investiture of Father Treiber with the robes of a Monsignor. The authority for the investiture was read by the Bishop's secretary, Rev. Carl Frey, as follows:

Beloved Son, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

The Bishop of Cleveland, relating the praise of your virtues, brings to us the knowledge of the integrity of your life and approval of your virtues, as well approved priest, pastor of St. Joseph's church and dean of Canton district, having founded several parishes in the diocese and having erected a number of Catholic churches.

You have been an ornament of the church and by fruitful exercise of your ministry you have merited the esteem of all well minded persons.

This testimony of your Bishop is most acceptable to us and therefore gladly yielding to the pleadings of your Bishop and wishing to reward your splendid labors, we desire to show forth our good will in your regard by our authority, we hereby choose, create and name you an Urban Prelate, that is, our Domestic Prelate.

We grant you the privilege of wearing the purple robes and the rochet, even in the Roman Court; likewise to use and enjoy all the honors, privileges and prerogatives which other ecclesiastics of this rank now use and enjoy, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome in St. Peter's under the ring of the Fisherman,

this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord 1923, the second year of our pontificate.

Signed: P. Cardinal Gasparri.

On July 4, 1927, was celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's church, as well as the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Treiber's pastorate here, as it was also of his forty-seventh year of service as a priest. It was one of the most pretentious church affairs in the history of Canton, being attended by Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Schrembs, bishop of Cleveland, and dignitaries and priests from this diocese, as well as many other church notables, so that the occasion was a memorable one in the history of the Catholic churches of this city. The jubilee sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Pfeil, pastor of St. Peter's church in Cleveland, who paid high tribute to the life and services of Father Treiber and incidentally made an interesting historical reference in the following words: "Canton, the metropolis of Stark county, is the birthplace of the Catholic church of northern Ohio; it was here that the first settlers came in 1807, five years in advance of those who located in Columbiana, claimed to be the starting place of the church in this section of the state. Canton deserves to be called the cradle of the Catholic church, and therefore we stand on historic ground. Along your Lincoln highway Edward Fenwick, the first Catholic missionary in Ohio, crossed in his journey from Wooster to Cincinnati." As an evidence of their appreciation of his many years of faithful and able service, Father Treiber received from his parishioners a purse of one thousand dollars, and at the same time subscriptions to the new church were announced amounting to over fourteen thousand dollars. A particularly pleasing feature of the silver jubilee was the receipt by Father Treiber of a congratulatory letter from Pope Pius XI, signed by his own hand, and which reads as follows:

To our beloved son, Clement Treiber, Urban Prelate, pastor of St. Joseph's church in the city of Canton:

We have learned with great joy from your Bishop, who is very dear to us, that the fourth day of next month will mark the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the establishment by you of St. Joseph's parish, and that all your parishioners, with hearts filled with joy on the occasion of this two-fold jubilee, your own and

that of the people of the parish founded by you, are most eager to celebrate this jubilee event with becoming solemnity.

Knowing as we do your burning zeal for promoting the Faith and looking after the spiritual things of your flock, it gives us great pleasure to join with your Bishop on this occasion in extending congratulations to you and to all those committed to your care, the more so because on that same day you will also celebrate the forty-seventh anniversary of your priestly ordination.

Imploring the God of all goodness to shower upon you, beloved son, an abundance of his heavenly gifts.

As an earnest desire thereof, we most lovingly bestow upon you, our beloved son, and upon thy flock our apostolic benediction.

Given at the Vatican palace, the tenth day of June, the year of our Lord 1927.

PIUS XI, Pope.

Father Treiber, while closely devoted to the work of his parish, has always shown a good citizen's interest in everything relating to the general welfare and advancement of the community and no measure calculated to promote the public good has lacked for his earnest and wholehearted support. He stands as a bulwark of the cause of righteousness and his utterances on the moral questions of the day have been in no uncertain terms. A strong and eloquent speaker, his sermons have attracted much attention, while his pastoral activities have been of a nature that has been fruitful in great results. Personally, he is a man of kindly manner, cordial and friendly in his social relations, and throughout the city of Canton he commands the unqualified confidence and respect of the people.

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#### CARL A. ALLENSWORTH, D. D. S.

The dental profession in Canton has a worthy representative in Dr. Carl A. Allensworth, who for twenty-five years has been actively engaged in practice, earning a high reputation by his skill and efficiency. Dr. Allensworth is a native of Ohio, having been born in Carroll county January 9, 1873, a son of Henry and Christina (McCaskey) Allensworth, both of whom were members of old Carroll county families of English and Scotch descent. The Allensworth family was founded in this country by two brothers

who came from England prior to the Revolutionary war. One settled in Jefferson county, Ohio, and the other came down the Ohio river and settled at Marietta, Washington county. One of Dr. Allensworth's maternal ancestors, John C. Calhoun, fought in the war of the Revolution. Henry Allensworth was reared in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he lived until twenty-one years of age, when he moved to Carroll county, of which he was a resident until his death, which occurred in 1910, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a blacksmith and wagonmaker by trade, and also owned a farm in Carroll county, which was operated by his sons. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for two years as a private in the Ninety-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in General Sherman's campaign in Tennessee and the subsequent march to the sea. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Chestina (McCaskey) Allensworth was born in Carroll county, Ohio, and was a daughter of George K. McCaskey, a native of Ireland, who became a prominent and influential citizen of Carroll county. He helped to organize one of the first Protestant churches in that county, located at Palermo, which at that time gave considerable promise of becoming a city, but is now but a hamlet, and he also established a cemetery there. Mrs. Allensworth died in 1920, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Allensworth had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom six are living.

Carl A. Allensworth, the fifth in order of birth, attended the public schools of Carroll county and Hagerstown Academy, and then entered the dental school of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1903. During a number of previous winter seasons he had engaged in teaching school, and had thus provided the means with which to further his education. After completing his technical training he came to Canton and has since devoted himself closely to his profession.

On March 26, 1906, in Canton, Dr. Allensworth was united in marriage to Miss Inez Zaiser, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of J. J. and Lyzetta (Harding) Zaiser, members of families long established in Canton. Dr. and Mrs. Allensworth have four children, namely: Lucile, who is a student in Wooster College, and was recently elected a member of Wooster chapter of

Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholarship fraternity; Carl, Jr., a student in Oberlin College; John H., who is attending the McKinley high school in Canton; and Mary Ruth. Mrs. Allensworth has been active in local church and civic affairs. The Doctor is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland; and the Lakeside Shrine Club of Canton. He is also a member of the Stark County Dental Society, the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He and his wife belong to the First Methodist church.

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### FRED W. BURKHARDT

Among the valued employees of the Central Alloy Steel Company, of Canton, none is held in higher regard than Fred W. Burkhardt, who has charge of the grinding department. He is a man of wide and varied experience, is recognized as a man of genuine worth and commands the respect of all who are associated with him. Born in Canton, Ohio, July 1, 1881, he is a son of Philip and Mary (Leitz) Burkhardt, the former born in Germany, April 3, 1837, and the latter of German descent. Both are deceased.

Fred W. Burkhardt secured his education in the old Eighth street school in Canton, where he attended to the sixth grade, after which he entered the Canton Actual Business College, studying bookkeeping for a year. He was employed by the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, at Canton, at safe making for two years, after which he joined his father in the bottling business, which engaged his attention until 1900. He was then employed in installing rolls as assistant to the superintendent of the Berger Manufacturing Company, at Canton, after which he worked as a millwright in that plant for three years. He then returned to the Diebold company for a year and a half, after which he and his brother John bought an interest in a bottling works. This proving a successful venture, in 1914 Mr. Burkhardt bought all the remaining interests in the business, which he conducted under his own name until 1922, when he sold out and entered the employ of the Timken Roller Bearing Company. Two years later he came to the Central

Alloy Steel Company as superintendent of the grinding department, which position he still retains, and is rendering valuable service.

On June 25, 1903, at the bride's home in Canton, Rev. Smucker performed the ceremony which united Mr. Burkhardt and Miss Olivia Virginia Reifsnyder, who was born in this city September 7, 1884. Mrs. Burkhardt is a daughter of Louis F. and Bertha (Miller) Reifsnyder, the former born in Canton, October 5, 1864, and the latter in Wheeling, West Virginia, September 11, 1864, of German parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt are the parents of four children: Mabel C., born August 17, 1905, is the wife of Thorn M. Irwin, of this city; Arline E., born April 3, 1907, is the wife of Warren C. Miller, of Canton; Dorothy E., born September 17, 1912, is a sophomore at the McKinley high school; and Robert F., born March 25, 1920, is a pupil in the Hartford school. Mr. Burkhardt gives his political support to the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Martin Luther church. She is a member of its Ladies Aid Society, the Good Samaritan Circle and the Daughters of Pocahontas. They give their earnest support to all worthy benevolent and charitable causes and have stood for those things which are calculated to advance the public welfare. Because of their upright and consistent lives and excellent personal qualities they are popular among their many friends.

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### EARL MUSSLEMAN, M. D.

Dr. Earl Mussleman is favorably known in Alliance, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine for fourteen years. A capable and reliable physician, he has built up a restricted medical practice among the representative families of the community. Dr. Mussleman was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 21, 1883, and is a son of Samuel and Susannah (Stauffer) Mussleman. His paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mussleman, were natives of Pennsylvania and died near Wooster, Ohio. The father was a shoemaker and was a member of the United Brethren church. Samuel Mussleman was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, devoted his active years to carpentering and building, and died in East Union, Wayne county,

Ohio, in April, 1925. He served in the Union Army during the Civil war and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife was born in Wayne county, Ohio, and died at East Union, in April, 1923. She was a daughter of Peter Stauffer, a native of Pennsylvania, who located in Wayne county, Ohio, where he prospered as a farmer, owning a large acreage. His death there occurred.

Earl Mussleman graduated from the high school at Orrville, Ohio, in 1903, after which he attended Wooster College. He then matriculated in the department of medicine of Ohio University, at Cleveland, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. He served one year as interne in St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession at Navarre, Ohio. Two years later he moved to Alliance, where he has engaged in the practice to the present time, and is now rendering effective service as health commissioner of this city and has been school physician for ten years. The Doctor is a member of the advisory staff of the Stark county public health council and a member of the staff of Alliance City Hospital. Dr. Mussleman also read law and was admitted to the bar in 1925, after which he served for six months as solicitor for the town of Sebring.

On October 23, 1912, Dr. Mussleman was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Day Collins, who was born January 1, 1883, and is a daughter of Dr. John W. and Rebecca Louise (Stone) Collins, both of whom were born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and died in Toronto, that county, where Dr. Collins had practiced medicine for over forty years. He was a federal soldier during the Civil war, was a staunch supporter of the democratic party and had held a number of local offices. Mrs. Mussleman attended the public schools of Toronto, Ohio, and the nurses' training school at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a charter member of the Alliance Women's Club. Dr. and Mrs. Mussleman are the parents of a daughter, Susan Louise, born February 28, 1916.

In his political alignment Dr. Mussleman is nominally a republican, but is an independent voter, supporting the candidates who in his judgment are best qualified for the offices they seek. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; and

the Sleepy Hollow Club. He is a member of the executive committee of the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross Society and chairman of the nursing activities committee of that society. The Doctor is a man of wide interests, but his chief diversions from professional work are reading, gardening and the cultivation of flowers. A man of sterling worth of character and many admirable qualities of heart and mind, he has long commanded the respect and confidence of the people of this community and in the circle of his acquaintance he has many warm and loyal friends.

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### FRED R. DONALDSON

Fred R. Donaldson is well known in the iron and steel industry, with which he has been actively identified in various ways since young manhood, and is now vice president and sales manager of the Machined Steel Casting Company, of Alliance. He was born at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1876, and is a son of James and Lydia (Milligan) Donaldson. His paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Nixon) Donaldson, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania; followed the blacksmith's trade for many years, and died in Pittsburgh. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and served as a captain in the Union Army during the Civil war. He was a member of the Baptist church and voted the democratic ticket. His wife, who was born in Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, is also deceased. James Donaldson, Jr., was born at Zelienople, Butler county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1838, and died in Dayton, Ohio, on May 28, 1920. He followed his father's example and devoted his active years to blacksmithing. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Sixth United States Cavalry; was taken prisoner and was confined in Libby and Belle Isle prisons. He was a democrat and a member of the Baptist church. Lydia (Milligan) Donaldson was born at Ashland, Ohio, March 19, 1844, and died in Alliance, Ohio, April 9, 1900. She was a daughter of Jared and Margaret (McLean) Milligan, the former of whom was born near Ashland, Ohio, and died in Alliance, while the latter was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, and died at Shreve, this state. Mr. Milligan followed farming and gave his



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political support to the republican party. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church.

Fred R. Donaldson attended the public schools of Alliance, after which he served a four-year apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with the Solid Steel Company of Alliance. He then went to the Morgan Engineering Company, where he was employed as a machinist for three years. He next went to Cleveland, where he worked for the Brown Hoisting & Conveying Machine Company as a machinist, but a year later took a similar position with the Webster, Camp & Lane Company in Akron. He worked for two years as a machinist for the Byers Machine Company at Ravenna, Ohio, and then spent one year with the Buckeye Engine Company at Salem, Ohio. Returning to Alliance, he entered the employ of the American Steel Casting Company, with which concern he remained three years, after which he was for five years with the Alliance Machine Company. During the following eleven years he was with the American Steel Foundries Company, serving as master mechanic; then as works engineer and finally as assistant manager. In 1919 Mr. Donaldson became one of the organizers of the Machined Steel Casting Company, of Alliance, of which he has been vice president and sales manager to the present time. He has devoted his efforts indefatigably to building up the business and has been an important factor in its success. He is also a director in the Workmen's Bank of Alliance and in the Alliance Aircraft Motor Corporation.

On June 27, 1900, in Alliance, Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Kayler, who was born in this city, January 29, 1880, a daughter of George and Etta (Hess) Kayler. Mr. Kayler, who was born near Sandusky, Ohio, August 20, 1854, was long in the railroad service, from which he retired as a conductor, and is now living in Alliance. His wife was born at Crestline, Ohio, in August, 1859, and died in Alliance, April 17, 1923. Mrs. Donaldson was graduated from the Alliance high school and has taken an active interest in local religious, civic and club affairs, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and its societies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Mount Union College Women's Club, the Music Study Club, and, since its organization, of the Alliance Women's Club, in which she served three months on the house furnishing committee and twelve months on the house committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are the parents of five children. Fred Kermit, born November 15, 1901, was graduated from the Alliance high school and is now employed in the sales department of the Machined Steel Casting Company. He married Miss Helen Scott, of Alliance, and they have a son, Fred Scott. George Harold, born January 8, 1904, was graduated from the Alliance high school and from Mount Union College with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and is now in the employ of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Chicago, Illinois. Carol Marion, born May 14, 1906, was graduated from the Alliance high school and is now a senior in Mount Union College. Charlotte Ellen, born October 3, 1908, is a graduate of the Alliance high school. Alan Weston, the youngest of the family, was born June 3, 1916.

Mr. Donaldson is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron, being also a director of the Masonic Temple Company of Alliance. He belongs to the Alliance Country Club, the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, the Rotary Club, of which he is a director, and the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is also a director. He has taken an active interest in educational affairs and is now serving as president of the city school board. He is a member and a steward of the First Methodist Episcopal church and teaches a Bible class in its Sunday school. He has shown a commendable interest in everything affecting the welfare and progress of his community and is regarded as one of its progressive and public-spirited citizens. Personally, he is a man of pleasing address and friendly manner and throughout the range of his acquaintance is held in high regard.

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### JAMES E. KINNISON, JR.

James E. Kinnison, Jr., is numbered among the able and successful members of the Stark county bar and is rendering commendable service as city solicitor of Canton, to which office he has been elected for a second term. He was born in Jackson, Ohio, June 8, 1893, and is a son of James E. and Elizabeth E. (Shadrach) Kinnison. The family is of English origin, two brothers,

Daniel and David Kinnison, having been the founders of the family in this country. Both are worthy of historical mention as having participated in the famous Boston Tea Party, and David was also a soldier in the war of the Revolution. From Daniel Kinnison is descended the branch of the family to which James E. Kinnison belongs. Settlement was first made in New England, whence some of the name moved to Greenbrier county, Virginia. The paternal grandfather, Charles Kinnison, came to Ohio in early territorial days, and here followed the vocation of teaching. He married Miss Jane Carrick and they became the parents of James E. Kinnison, who was born in Jackson, Jackson county, Ohio, April 15, 1853, was reared and educated there, and was graduated from Ohio University, which awarded him the degrees of Master of Arts and Proctor of Pedagogy. His entire active life has been devoted to educational pursuits, in which he has gained a wide reputation, and he is now a member of the board of trustees of Ohio University. His wife, Elizabeth E. (Shadrach) Kinnison, was born December 7, 1859, in Jackson county, Ohio, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Davies) Shadrach, the former a native of Wales. James E. and Elizabeth E. Kinnison had three children: Lucile; Charles S., who resides in Detroit, Michigan; and James E., Jr.

James E. Kinnison, Jr., attended the public schools of Jackson, graduating from high school in 1911, and then entered Ohio University, where he did undergraduate work for three years. Matriculating in the law school of Ohio State University, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1916. On leaving college he became assistant to the budget commissioner of the state, which position he held for one year, when he came to Canton and engaged in the general practice of law. About six months later he enlisted for service in the World war, entering the aviation corps of the regular army. Later he was transferred to the infantry and was commissioned a first lieutenant, with which rank he served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged in December, 1919. He then returned to Canton and resumed law practice as a member of the firm of McCarty, Armstrong & Kinnison, the style of which has since been changed to Burt, Kinnison, Carson and Shadrach. In his practice Mr. Kinnison soon gained recognition as a keen, alert and resourceful lawyer, well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, and in 1925 was elected city solicitor for a two-year term, serving during 1926-7. In No-

member of the latter year he was reelected and is still acting in that capacity.

On November 19, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Kinnison was united in marriage to Miss Kathryne Ann Herbert, who was born and reared in Cuyahoga county and is a daughter of John T. and Jane (Jones) Herbert, who were originally from Jackson county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnison are the parents of two children: Jane Ann, born June 17, 1922; and Betty, born May 23, 1925.

Mr. Kinnison gives his political support to the republican party and takes an active part in local public affairs. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Council, R. & S. M., and the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Phi college fraternities, having served as national president of the last named organization during the years 1922-23. He also belongs to the University Club, the Congress Lake Club, the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. In January, 1928, he was elected president of the Family Service Society, a position he is well qualified to fill. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man of earnest and straightforward manner, loyal to his community and constant in his friendships, and all who know him hold him in the highest regard.

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#### FRANK E. FOY

Frank E. Foy, treasurer and manager of the Sumner Creamery Company, of Canton, has had twenty-five years of practical experience in his present line of business and has proven a man of great energy, enterprising methods and splendid executive ability. Born in Prescott, Adams county, Iowa, on the 11th of November, 1882, he is a son of James W. and Abbie E. (Edmunds) Foy, the former born on December 22, 1852, in Center county, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born near Syracuse, New York. Mr. Foy is of Irish descent in the paternal line, his great-grandfather having been a native of the Emerald isle, whence he emigrated to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. His son, Gideon Foy, left the Keystone state some time prior to the Civil war and located in Illinois, but later moved and took his ten children to

Iowa. In the maternal line Mr. Foy's ancestry runs back to Sir Rolin Edmunds, of England.

Frank E. Foy secured his educational training in the public schools of Prescott, Iowa, graduating from high school in 1899, after which he assisted his father on the home farm until 1903. He then started in as an apprentice in a small creamery, where he worked two years, after which he took a course in the Iowa Agricultural College, at Ames. He worked in Des Moines during the following summer and in the fall of 1907 went to Fordville, Walsh county, North Dakota, where he had charge of a creamery for eighteen months. From there he went to Manchester, Iowa, where he had charge of a butter factory for one year, and then located in Osage, Rock Creek county, that state, where he operated a creamery for one year. Later he was for a short time with the Clarinda Butter Company, at Creston, Iowa, and then managed a creamery plant in Ottumwa, Iowa, and also traveled some in its interest. In 1916 he went to Cadillac, Michigan, and during the war period served as manager of the Clarinda plant, which had been taken over by the Swift Company, of Chicago, remaining there until 1920, when he came to Ohio and entered into connection with the Sumner Creamery Company as field representative, with headquarters at Akron. He was successful in that capacity and in 1923 came to Canton as treasurer and manager of the company, which relationship he still sustains. This company, which handles eggs, cheese, poultry and churning butter, is one of the largest and most prosperous concerns in its line in northeastern Ohio and, under Mr. Foy's sound management, is enjoying a steady and substantial increase in business. Mr. Foy is also a director of the Sumner Company and is devoting his efforts closely to its interests.

On January 21, 1905, at Clarinda, Iowa, Mr. Foy was united in marriage to Miss Mabel L. Barker, who was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri, March 7, 1882, and is of Scotch Canadian descent. She is a member of the Sorosis Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Foy gives his political support to the democratic party, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Clan Lake Lodge, No. 331, F. & A. M.; Emeth Lodge, Mystic Council and Brenton Chapter, of Canton, and Lake Erie Consistory, of Cleveland, A. A. S. R.; Nazir Grotto, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Canton Kiwanis Club. His splendid business record, his sterling qualities

of character and his cordial and friendly manner have gained for him an enviable place in public esteem and he has won many loyal friends throughout this community.

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### PRINCIPAL JAMES E. VAUGHAN

The city of Alliance has been fortunate in the personnel of its teaching force and has just reason for pride in the high standard which has been maintained in its schools. One of the leading factors in this respect for many years has been Professor James V. Vaughan, who for more than two decades has rendered valuable service as principal of the high school and has gained a well merited reputation as one of the ablest and most efficient educators in this part of the state. He was born at Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 19th of February, 1870, and is a son of Joseph and Anna (Hollingsworth) Vaughan. His paternal grandparents were James and Rhoda (Cobbs) Vaughan,\* natives of Virginia, who died at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Mr. Vaughan was a farmer and shoemaker, gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Friends church. Joseph Vaughan was born near Damascus, Ohio, and devoted the active years of his life to farming. He was a member of the Friends church, in which faith he died February 12, 1901. His wife was born at Pennsville, Ohio, February 11, 1838, and died at Mt. Gilead, November 15, 1891. She was a daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Heald) Hollingsworth, of whom the former was born in New Jersey and died at Pennsville, Ohio, where he had followed farming. He was a member of the Friends church. He supported the republican party, was a strong abolitionist and on his farm was a station on the historic "underground railroad," through which so many Southern slaves made their way to freedom. He was a descendent of John Hollingsworth, who came from England with Lord Baltimore and landed on the eastern shore of Maryland in 1632. Some of his descendants settled in New Jersey and later came to Morgan county, Ohio.

James E. Vaughan attended the public schools, graduating from the Mt. Gilead high school, and then entered Mt. Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor

of Arts. He took special work at the University of Wisconsin and Ohio State University, and taught country schools in Morrow county for three years. He then came to Alliance and was at Mt. Union College one year, after which he was made principal of the ward school at Mt. Union, which position he filled in a capable manner for six years. He then became a teacher in the Alliance high school, and in September, 1907, was elected principal of the high school, which position he has held continuously since, a fact which stands in indisputable evidence of the faithful and able manner in which he has administered the affairs of the school.

On June 27, 1899, in Alliance, Professor Vaughan was united in marriage to Miss Frances Harris, who was born November 2, 1876, and is a daughter of Joel G. and Louisa (Barnaby) Harris. Her father was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and devoted his efforts to farming to the time of his retirement. His death occurred in Alliance. He was a member of the Hicksite Friends church and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, died in Alliance. Mrs. Vaughan graduated from the Alliance high school and from Mt. Union College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1899. She taught in the public schools of Salem, Ohio, and is now teaching in the eighth grade in the Alliance schools. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and its missionary societies, the Alliance Women's Club, the Mt. Union College Women's Club, the Sorosis Club and the Young Women's Christian Association, in which she is particularly interested. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan have become the parents of six children, namely: Arthur Harris, born on August 11, 1900, graduated in mechanical engineering from the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mechanical Engineering and is now associated with the Electric Furnace Company, of Salem, Ohio. He married Miss Helen Higley, of Youngstown, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Frances Helen. Mary Louise, born April 4, 1902, graduated from the Alliance high school, received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. Union College, and is now teaching Latin in the Alliance high school. Frederick died at the age of eight months. Frank Leland, born November 27, 1905, graduated from the Alliance high school and is now taking a course in landscape architecture at Ohio University. Curtis Har-

ris, born September 22, 1909, graduated from the Alliance high school and had one year in mechanical engineering at the University of Cincinnati, which course he expects to complete later, being at the present time associated with the Electric Furnace Company, of Salem, Ohio. James Robert, born March 25, 1911, is a senior in the Alliance high school. All of these children have had splendid records and their parents are justifiably proud of them.

Professor Vaughan is nominally a republican in his political views but is independent in his voting, supporting the men and measures which he believes to be for the best interests of the people. He has long been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as Sunday school superintendent. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president, and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club. As a diversion from the routine of his professional work, he takes an interest in gardening, having five acres of good land at the edge of the city. A well educated, symmetrically developed man, he has kept abreast of the times in advanced educational methods and has earned an honorable name in one of the most important branches of public service. Because of his well-rounded character, high attainments and splendid personality, he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him and is numbered among the representative men of his community.

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### HOMER E. BLACK

Among the members of the Stark county bar, none is held in higher regard both in and out of his profession than is Homer E. Black, whose career has stamped him as a lawyer of superior acumen and ability. He is a member of the well known firm of Black, McCuskey, Ruff & Souers and has gained wide recognition as a capable and successful corporation lawyer. Mr. Black was born at Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 18th of March, 1883, and is a son of Dr. William R. and Adeline (Kline) Black, the former of English descent. The family was established in Ohio by Mr. Black's grandfather, Ekin Black, who became a pioneer settler in Tuscarawas county, where he followed farming

and stock raising during the remainder of his life. William R. Black was born in Lawrence township, Tuscarawas county. He was a successful physician and surgeon and became prominent and influential in his community. A veteran of the Civil war, at the beginning of hostilities he enlisted for three years, being but fifteen years old at the time, and on the expiration of his first period he reenlisted, serving to the end of the conflict. His wife died in 1890, at the age of forty years. To them were born six children, five sons and a daughter, and of these Homer E. is now the only survivor.

Homer E. Black attended the public schools of Bolivar and after graduating from high school taught for three years in the country schools and three years in the Bolivar schools. Having decided to devote his life to the practice of law, he entered the office of Welty & Albaugh, in Canton, and in 1907 was admitted to the bar. He was associated with Welty & Albaugh until 1911 when he became a member of the firm of Herbruck & Black. This association was continued until 1920, when the firm became Herbruck, Black, McCuskey & Ruff, the enlargement of the firm becoming necessary because of increased business. In 1925 the firm became Black, McCuskey, Ruff & Souers, with offices in the Harter Bank building. This is regarded as one of the strongest law firms in Canton and has been connected as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this and neighboring counties. Mr. Black has specialized in corporation law, in which he is recognized as an authority, and none surpass him in clarity of thought, in power of discriminating analysis or in lucidity of expression, as well as in an accurate and profound knowledge of the law, so that as counselor and advocate he stands as the peer of any of his professional brethren.

On January 27, 1909, in Bolivar, Ohio, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Tomer, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of John H. and Kate (Sisson) Tomer, the former of German lineage. In his political views, Mr. Black is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Masonic Association, of which he is president; the Lakeside Shrine Club, of which he was the founder and the first presi-

dent; the Congress Lake Club, Nazir Grotto, the Canton Club, the Exchange Club, the Masonic Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He maintains professional affiliation with the Stark County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association, is a past vice president and past president of the Stark County Law Library Association, and is a director in and counsel for a number of large corporations. Mr. Black is entitled to much credit for the marked success which he has attained, for it has been won through persevering and unaided effort, and he well merits the high place which he holds in the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### CHARLES B. McCLINTOCK

No member of the Stark county bar has received more distinctive recognition as a capable and skilled lawyer than has Charles B. McClintock, whose record as prosecuting attorney and special prosecutor has attracted national attention. A thorough knowledge of the law and a ready power of analysis, backed by a tenacity and determination that will not admit defeat, have contributed to a record of remarkable success in the conviction of criminals which has gained for him the respect and admiration of the people of his county and state. Mr. McClintock was born in Paint township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 25th of May, 1885, and is a son of James W. and Emma (Huguelet) McClintock. His paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wert W. McClintock, were pioneer settlers of Wilmot, Stark county, Ohio, the family being of Scotch descent in the paternal line. Wert W. McClintock, who spent his entire life in Stark county, following farming and stock raising, commanded the respect of all who knew him. James W. McClintock was born near Wilmot, Stark county, and was there reared and educated. He followed the vocation of teaching for a quarter of a century, and also served a number of years as a justice of the peace and as mayor of Beach City. He was a stanch republican in his political views, was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and always took a leading part in the political, educational and civic affairs of his community. His death occurred in 1921, at the age of sixty-seven years. Emma (Huguelet) McClintock was a daughter of Manuel and



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Emma (Huguelet) Huguelet, both of whom were natives of Alsace-Lorraine and of old French stock. They became early settlers of Wayne county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining years. Mrs. Emma McClintock died in 1925, at the age of sixty years. To Mr. and Mrs. McClintock were born three children: James G., who lives in Alliance, Ohio; Charles B., and Eva Jerusha, who is the wife of Leland Weimer, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Charles B. McClintock attended the public schools of Beach City, graduating from high school in 1901, and then engaged in teaching, being employed in the Justus high school and at the Helmes school. At intervals while thus employed he continued his education at Wooster College, and as the outcome of his good record as a teacher and his indefatigable application to his studies, he was, in 1906, at the age of twenty-one years, granted a teacher's life certificate by the state board of examiners. This was awarded after a three-day examination, in which there was extensive competition, and included thirty-two branches in the department of education, a distinction of which Mr. McClintock is justifiably proud. In 1911 he was graduated from the law school of Western Reserve University, with the degree of Bachelor of Law, and at once came to Canton, where he became associated in practice with William B. Quinn. Later he formed a partnership with Andrew M. McCarty and Hunter B. Armstrong, under the firm name of McCarty, Armstrong & McClintock, which association continued until 1919, when he was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney of Stark county. In 1923 he became prosecuting attorney, in which office he served four years. During this period he prosecuted many noted criminal cases, among them the famous Don Mellett case, which attracted national attention, and in which he won a notable victory in the conviction of five of the indicted persons, and incidentally broke up a ring of underworld characters and in a large measure cleansed the city of a condition which had become a serious menace to the well-being of the community. Many other notable convictions were secured, only four cases being lost by the prosecution out of eight hundred tried.

On November 16, 1912, at Wilmot, Stark county, Mr. McClintock was united in marriage to Miss Ruth M. Grant, a daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Lenz) Grant, both of whom were members of old and prominent Wilmot families. Mrs. McClintock

is a member of the Woman's Club, the Sorosis Club, the Delphian Society, the Women's Republican Club and the Canton League of Women Voters, and has been active in religious and charitable work.

Politically Mr. McClintock has always supported the republican party, in the councils of which he has been an active figure. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and his religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Though his professional work makes heavy demands on his time, Mr. McClintock gives a due share of his time and attention to the varied interests of his city, cooperating in all measures calculated to advance the public welfare. A fluent and forceful speaker, he is frequently called upon to make addresses in political civic and social gatherings. Though unassuming in manner, he is a man of forceful personality, and his straightforward and consistent life and his evident honesty of purpose have won for him a high place in public confidence and regard.

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### WILLIAM PIERCE ENGLISH

William Pierce English, actively identified with the real estate business for nearly a score of years, has also been prominent in the civic affairs of Canton and, because of his progressive ideas and energetic methods, has proven an effective factor in advancing the public interests in various ways. Mr. English was born in Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, on the 3d of December, 1882. a son of Alford Edward and Mary (Castle) English, both of whom came of English ancestry. His father, who was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, August 4, 1843, died in 1893. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having gone into the service with an Ohio volunteer infantry regiment when seventeen years old, and was later transferred to the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, with which he served under General Custer. The mother was born at Urbana, Ohio, November 7, 1853.

William P. English attended the public schools of Bellefontaine until graduated from high school in 1901, after which he

attended the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, one year. Until 1905 he engaged in electrical engineering in Cleveland, and then went to Columbus, this state, where he went into the automobile business, remaining there until 1909, since which time he has resided in Canton. He engaged in the general real estate business until 1919, and has since specialized in property management, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful, having built up a large and remunerative business. Mr. English is also secretary and treasurer of the Canton Fireproof Building Company, treasurer of the McLaughlin-English Company, a director of the Quality Hardware Company and was formerly secretary of the Cole-Brant Company.

On June 30, 1906, at Canal Fulton, Ohio, Mr. English was united in marriage to Miss Abbie May McLaughlin, who was born in Canal Fulton, August 27, 1879, and is a daughter of Edward J. and Melvina (Miller) McLaughlin. Her father was born in Independence, Ohio, December 4, 1851, and died in Canton, February 7, 1917. He was a school teacher and a canal boat builder, and his father, James McLaughlin, who was a veteran of the Civil war, worked on the construction of the Ohio canal. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. Melvina (Miller) McLaughlin, whose family was of Swiss origin, was born in Canal Fulton, Ohio, February 21, 1853, and was a daughter of John and Catherine (Albright) Miller, who originally came from Hagerstown, Maryland, and were connected with the Trump, Oberlin and Albright families. Henry Miller, an early ancestor, who lived in Hagerstown, Maryland, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. English have two children, William Edward, born at Canal Fulton in 1909, and Virginia May, born in Canton in 1911.

In his political views Mr. English is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and Nazir Grotto. He belongs to the Lions Club, of which he was the organizer and the first president, the Canton Automobile Club, the Carroll Recreation Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He served as secretary of the Canton Real Estate Board during 1913-14; was vice chairman and secretary of the Red Cross Society from 1916 to 1925, and chairman from 1925 to the present time. He organized the Boy Scout council in 1921 and was its first president for one year, since which time he has served as scout commissioner. During the World war he served as quartermaster of the

Home Guards. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Open hearted and candid, loyal to principle in every relation of life, and cordial in his social connections, he has many warm friends throughout the city, in the welfare of which he has shown a deep interest. Mrs. English is a charter member of the Canton Women's Club, of which she is a director and treasurer; has been a member of the Sorosis Club since 1918; a director of the Young Women's Christian Association, 1927-8; member of the Girl Scout Council, 1926-8; a member and officer in home and foreign missionary societies; and has been a teacher in the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal church since 1920. A woman of gracious and tactful manner, she is deservedly popular in the circles in which she moves.

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### LAWRENCE J. WINGART

In the career of Lawrence J. Wingart there have been exemplified the qualities which are bound to insure success in any field of endeavor—persistence, industry, integrity and sound judgment—and today he holds an enviable place in the business circles of Canton, where he is conducting an extensive and prosperous real estate business. Mr. Wingart was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 22d of August, 1877, and is a son of William N. and Clara J. (Underwood) Wingart. His paternal grandfather, William Wingart, who was of German descent, was a pioneer settler of Crawford county, where in early life he conducted a general merchandise store at what is now known as Brokensword, a small village which in earlier days was known as Wingart's Corner. Later in life he engaged in farming and stock raising, in which he was successful and acquired many acres of good farm land in that section of the county. He died just prior to the outbreak of the Civil war. William N. Wingart was reared and educated in Crawford county and spent his entire life there and in Seneca county. He devoted his efforts to farming and stock raising and while residing near Tiffin, the county seat of Seneca county, he was very active in civic and political affairs, supporting the democratic party and holding a number of township offices. In early life he was a member of the Lutheran church, though dur-

ing his later years he attended the Reformed church. He died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Isaac and Martha (Mumper) Underwood, both of whom were representatives of old Pennsylvania families, to which state the Underwoods had gone from England in an early day. When Clara Underwood was a child of four years, her father brought his family to Ohio, settling in Crawford county, where she was reared and educated, and where she eventually became the wife of William N. Wingart. To them were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom two of the sons are deceased. The mother died at the age of seventy-eight years.

Lawrence J. Wingart, who is the fourth child born to his parents, received his educational training in the public schools of Crawford county, and remained on the home farm until twenty-seven years of age. Then, ambitious for a business career, he opened a general merchandise store at Melmore, Seneca county, and was meeting with a fair measure of prosperity, when misfortune overtook him, a fire wiping out the little village, including all his earthly possessions. Nothing daunted, he decided to enter another field of activity and ran for the office of recorder of Seneca county. He was elected and served as such from 1909 to 1913. He was then appointed a deputy state tax commissioner, with headquarters at Tiffin, serving in that capacity for two years, and at the expiration of his term he entered the general insurance business. In this line he met with encouraging success and, in August, 1921, he moved to Canton and organized the Savings and Loan Company, of which he became a director. In the meantime he also established his present business as a real estate agent and dealer in securities, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful. He specializes in high class residence and farm properties and has gained recognition as a capable and reliable business man.

On February 18, 1904, in Tiffin, Ohio, Mr. Wingart was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Snyder, who was born and reared in Seneca county and is a daughter of Philip and Ruth (Abbott) Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Wingart have two children, Helen Marie, born January 9, 1914, and Mildred Elizabeth, on September 30, 1918. Mrs. Wingart takes an active interest in church and missionary work and is popular in social circles. Polit-

ically Mr. Wingart is an ardent democrat and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of Tiffin Lodge, No. 77, F. & A. M.; is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar and also belongs to the Masonic Club of Canton, the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Real Estate Board. Progressive and wide-awake in his business methods and absolutely fair in his dealings, he commands the respect and confidence of his fellow-men throughout the community.

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### HON. ULYSSES S. JOHNSTON

The legal profession in Stark county has been honored by the character and career of Ulysses S. Johnston, who is now serving his second term as judge of the Canton municipal court. His has been a long and useful record as a practicing lawyer and his elevation to the bench of the court over which he presides was but a fitting recognition of his ability, fairness and integrity. Judge Johnston was born at Wilmot, Stark county, Ohio, on the 29th of June, 1864, and is a son of William M. and Hannah (Johnson) Johnston. His father, who was of Scotch descent, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1832, and his mother, whose ancestors came from Holland, was born in Wayne county in 1836. The Judge secured his early education in the Wilmot village school and from 1878 to 1882 he attended the State Normal School at Danville, Indiana, while in 1883 he was a student in Vermillion Institute at Hayesville, Ashland county, Ohio. He then entered Wooster University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1887. Having decided to devote his life to the practice of law, he entered the Washington Law School, in St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1891, and in 1893 was admitted to the Ohio bar. In that year he opened a law office in Cleveland, but in 1894 came to Canton, where he has been engaged in professional work to the present time. In the fall of 1925 he was elected to the bench of the Canton municipal court, of which he was the first presiding judge, it having been organized January 1, 1926. So eminently satisfactory was his administration of the court that on November 8, 1927, he was reelected for a full term of four years.

On April 25, 1894, Judge Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Daisie D. Barr, who was born June 9, 1870, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Barr, of Canton. Mrs. Johnston has taken an active interest in local, civic and social affairs and was president of the Canton Woman's Club during 1923-24. To Judge and Mrs. Johnston have been born three children: Elizabeth, who, on September 17, 1921, became the wife of Frank H. Dougherty, a son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Dougherty; William A., who was married to Miss Jane R. Miller, a daughter of Mrs. Jane Raba Miller, of Canton; and Franklin B.

Politically Judge Johnston has long been an active supporter of the republican party and served as chairman of the Stark county republican committee from 1889 to 1900. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E., of which he was exalted ruler in 1909; Canton Council, J. O. U. A. M., and the Congress Lake Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. A man of thorough education, high mental attainments, of the highest sense of honor, and of keen appreciation of the service which he should render his fellowmen, he has always brought to the discharge of every duty a determination to give his very best, so that both in the practice of law and the exercise of his judicial duties he has won the respect and enjoyed the confidence of all who have come in contact with him. His public-spirited interest in the welfare of his community has led him to give earnest support to every movement for its advancement along material, civic or moral lines and he has stood as an exemplar of the qualities which make for good citizenship.

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#### A. BRUCE CORRELL

For nearly twenty years A. Bruce Correll, of Canton, has rendered able and satisfactory service as a justice of the peace, his successive reelections to that office testifying to his high standing in the regard of his fellowmen. He is numbered among his community's most useful and trustworthy citizens. Mr. Correll was born in Adamsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 1st of March, 1857, and is a son of Daniel Augustus and Amanda Jane (Boies) Correll. The Correll family originally came from Alsace

and were probably Huguenots in their religious faith. Mr. Correll's grandfather, Jacob Correll, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and early in the nineteenth century migrated to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he spent his remaining years. Daniel Augustus Correll was born at Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, and received his education in the public schools of that locality. He learned the trade of marble cutting, in which he became an expert, possessing marked artistic talent, and followed that vocation during the greater part of his life. Not only was he proficient in his work, but under his instruction several of his nephews developed into sculptors of national prominence, being famed for their reproductions of eminent personages, one of which, a life-size statue of Abraham Lincoln, is said to be the most perfect likeness of a person ever carved from stone. In 1861 Daniel A. Correll and sixteen other men, with their families, started westward in "prairie schooners," seeking a new location, but his journey came to an end when he reached Daviess county, Indiana, for there he found a stone formation for which he had been seeking, that which is now known as Bedford limestone, and which is particularly well adapted to sculptural work, being practically impervious to the elements. The little colony settled in the town of Odon, where Mr. Correll established a stone-cutting shop, in which he specialized in making tombstones, on many of which were carved angels and other symbolic designs. It was in this shop that his nephews, George W. and Harvey N. Correll, learned the art for which they later became so famous. Both men are still living, at advanced ages, and they have handed down to their sons their knowledge and love for artistic statuary, these sons now conducting the shop established by their great-uncle and which has grown into a large establishment. It is worthy of note that had Mr. Correll in that early day taken advantage of the opportunity which lay before him he would later have become immensely wealthy, for the land containing the limestone could then be bought for one dollar and a quarter an acre. But his whole interest was in his art and material affairs did not greatly concern him. In his later years a longing for his native state brought him back to Canton, where he became connected with J. P. Smith, Son & Company, of Pittsburgh, wholesale glassware dealers, for whom he traveled until his death. Amanda Jane (Boies) Correll was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1833, and was a daughter of James and

Esther (King) Boies. Her maternal grandfather, John Boies, served as a captain in the war of 1812 and was buried at Darlington, Pennsylvania, in which state his family had long been settled. The King family was of Scotch origin and was collaterally connected with the McCaughey family, a member of which, William McCaughey, was a colonel under General Anthony Wayne. To Daniel A. and Amanda J. Correll were born six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom four survive: A. Bruce; William C., a resident of Canton; Edward A., who lives in Garfield county, Oklahoma; and Eugenia Gertrude, the wife of Jacob Collins, of Canton.

A. Bruce Correll secured his education in the public schools of Indiana and East Palestine, Ohio. He had learned the printing trade in the office of the Martin County Herald, at Loogootee, Indiana, and when the family returned to Ohio, in 1873, he found employment at that trade, which he followed continuously until 1889. During the last nine years of that period he was manager for the R. A. Cassidy Printing Shop in Canton, giving up that position when appointed by William McKinley, to the office of deputy collector of internal revenue for the eighteenth district. He filled that position four years, after which he served as secretary for the Stark County Agricultural Society until September, 1896, when he became assistant doorkeeper of the house of representatives at Washington, his appointment coming through the late Congressman R. W. Taylor. Mr. Correll was assigned to the democratic wing of the house, which was entirely opposite to his political affiliations, but proved none the less agreeable, as he made many warm friends among the democratic statesmen, as he did also among the republicans. He filled that position until 1903, and in 1909, upon the death of Luther Barrick, justice of the peace, in Canton, Mr. Correll was appointed to fill out the unexpired term, and, through the suffrage of the people, has filled the office continuously to the present time. His decisions have been marked by a soundness and a sense of fairness that have stamped him as a man of broad views and ripe judgment and his conduct of the office has been the subject of much favorable comment.

Mr. Correll was married on May 15, 1881, at New Galilee, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Isabella Stobbs, a native of Newcastle, England, and now deceased. They had four children: Ralph S.; Mary Inez, deceased; Marcus Jay, a resident of

Canton; and Thomas Norman, who died in infancy. On June 30, 1907, Mr. Correll was married to Miss Janette Bolus, who was born at Wooster, Ohio, and they have a son, Charles Kendall. Mr. Correll has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and has been very active in the councils of that party, having been an intimate friend of the late President McKinley. He is a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose, in which he has passed through the chairs, and also belongs to the Canton Club. His success has been largely the fruit of his own ability and efforts, for he has been true and loyal in every relation of life, his faithful and efficient performance of duty winning for him the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, and he has honored his community by his upright and consistent life.

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### HOWARD DANIEL TOLERTON

Howard Daniel Tolerton has built up a splendid organization as president of The Tolerton Company of Alliance, handling lumber, coal and builders' supplies, which has been almost entirely under his able management since 1900. He is a prominent figure in industrial circles of Alliance and in fact assisted in organizing and is financially interested in the majority of the city's manufacturing enterprises. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Alliance, April 19, 1872, a son of Israel G. and Esther (Koll) Tolerton. The father, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, born October 4, 1838, was one of the three children of Robert and Zilpha Rozell (Gaskill) Tolerton. Robert Tolerton, the paternal grandfather of H. D. Tolerton, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, was brought to the United States by his parents and grew to maturity in the town of Salem, Ohio. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, became a large landowner and real estate dealer and was a stockholder and director in the Farmers National Bank of Salem. His death occurred in 1886.

Israel G. Tolerton, father of H. D. Tolerton of this review, acquired his education in Salem Seminary and for a time engaged in teaching school, but eventually abandoned that profession for agriculture. It was in 1887 that he took up his abode in Alliance and established himself in the coal business, while subsequently he also



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engaged in the lumber business and in mill work. In 1900, in association with his son Howard, he began the operation of a lumber yard under the firm style of I. G. Tolerton & Son, the latter largely assuming the active management of the concern. He was instrumental in the establishment of the City Savings Bank, became a member of its discount board and in 1897 succeeded C. C. Davidson in the official capacity of vice president. His demise occurred in November, 1925, when he had attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years. In the year 1863 he had married Esther Koll, of Salem, Ohio, daughter of Daniel Koll, a prominent and influential business man of that city. She survives her husband and is still living in Alliance at the age of eighty-six.

Howard Daniel Tolerton, the second in order of birth in a family of six children, was reared on the home farm to the age of twelve years and pursued his education as a public school pupil in Alliance. Following the death of his brother, Edgar R., in 1892, he joined his father in the coal business on a small scale. In 1900, as above indicated, they began the conduct of a lumber yard under the firm name of I. G. Tolerton & Son, which was maintained until January 1, 1927, when the business was incorporated as The Tolerton Company. The following officers were chosen: Howard D. Tolerton, president; Charles Du Coty, vice president, who has been continuously connected with the company since 1900; Robert I. Tolerton, secretary, who has been associated with his father in business since 1922; and Howard M. Sankey, treasurer. The other directors are Russell Grenawalt, James A. Thompson and Mrs. Minnie E. Tolerton. The success of the enterprise is attributable in large measure to the splendid executive ability of its president and to his faculty of selecting able and intelligent assistants, who have remained with him for many years. A man of strong character and marked ability as an executive, his cooperation and counsel have been sought in the successful control of various financial and industrial enterprises. He assisted in the organization of the People's Bank of Alliance, with which he has since been connected as vice president and director; is also vice president and director of the Alliance Building & Savings Association; vice president and director of the Security Building & Loan Company, of which he was one of the organizers; director of the Consolidated Realty Company, which he also aided in organizing; director of the West Park Realty Company, of which he was one of the organizers;

director of the City Savings Bank, of which his father was one of the organizers and remained a director until his death; director of the Morrison Jack Company; and director of the Buckeye Twist Drill Company.

On the 24th of December, 1896, Mr. Tolerton was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Aiken, daughter of William S. and Margaret (Wallace) Aiken, of Alliance, both of whom are deceased. Her father was a well known carpenter contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Tolerton are the parents of three sons and a daughter. Robert I., born April 15, 1900, was educated in the Alliance high school, Mount Union College and the University of Wisconsin and is now associated with his father in business. Mary Ellen also pursued a high school course at Alliance, afterward spent two years as a student in Mount Union College, and is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware. She is now one of the faculty of Mount Union College and is married to Harry H. Lapp. William Howard was a high school pupil at Alliance, studied in Mount Union College for two years and in Brown University for one year and is now pursuing a course in interior decorating at the Vesper George School of Boston. Edgar J. is supplementing his public school education by a course of study in the Peddie Institute at Hightstown, New Jersey. Mrs. Minnie Tolerton, the mother of the above named, has membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, the Mount Union Women's Club, the Alliance Women's Club, the Young Women's Christian Association and the Clothonian Club. Her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the First Methodist church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful part.

Mr. Tolerton is a republican in politics. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and is fully appreciative of the social amenities of life, belonging to the Alliance Country Club, the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, the Congress Lake Club and the Wrangler Club, a very exclusive organization. He is also a member of the Alliance Rotary Club and in Masonry has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, being affiliated with Conrad Lodge No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, R. A. M.; Canton Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was a member of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the Masonic temple. He has been one of the trustees of the First Methodist church for many years and has

exemplified high ideals in every relation of life. He finds pleasure and recreation in a game on the links and has won many warm friends in both social and business circles, for his is a congenial nature that wins and holds the esteem and confidence of those with whom he is associated. As a native son and leading citizen of Stark county his record finds appropriate place in her history.

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#### RALPH L. SLATER, M. D.

Dr. Ralph L. Slater has made rapid strides in the medical profession since locating in Canton and is now commanding a very satisfactory practice, having gained quick recognition as an efficient and capable physician. Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1898, he is a son of Robert A. and Mina J. (Lantree) Slater. The latter, of Irish descent, was born and reared in Wheeling, West Virginia, where her family has long been established. The Slater family was founded in this country by the Doctor's grandfather, Joseph Slater, who was born and reared in Germany, whence he came to the United States in 1842. He settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the hotel business, his death occurring there in 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years. Robert A. Slater was born in Pittsburgh, where he attended the public schools, and since the age of twenty years has been connected with the United States Steel Company. To him and his wife were born four children, two sons and two daughters, but both daughters are now deceased. The survivors are Ralph L. and Robert J., who reside in Youngstown, Ohio.

Ralph L. Slater secured his early education in the public schools and then attended Linsly Military Institute, at Wheeling, West Virginia. He pursued his college work at Conway Hall, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and at the Catholic University, at Washington, D. C., where he remained three years. He then matriculated in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921. After serving one year as interne in the City Hospital at Youngstown, Ohio, he went to Peru, South America, where he spent one year as assistant surgeon for the Cerro Tepasco Corporation. On his return to the United States in 1923, he located in Canton, where

he has since been engaged in the general practice of his profession. An able physician and skilled surgeon, he has done splendid work here and well merits the respect which is accorded him, not only by his professional brethren but by all who know him.

On April 3, 1926, in Canton, Dr. Slater was united in marriage to Miss Eunice E. Deckert, a native of Nevada, Ohio. In political matters the Doctor maintains an independent attitude, casting his ballot in accordance with the dictates of his judgment. He is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Shady Hollow Country Club. Genial and affable in manner, he has made many warm friends in this community and is extremely popular among his associates, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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### ADOLPH BOCKUS

Adolph Bockus, of Ninth and Wertz avenues northwest, has become well known in Canton because of the prosperous business which he has built up in cement blocks and cement lawn furniture, and in the latter he has produced some novel and artistic effects. Mr. Bockus was born in Canton, June 1, 1890, and is a son of Reinhold and Elizabeth Bockus, natives of Germany. He received his educational training in the grammar grades of St. Peter's parochial school in Canton, then went to work for the Metropolitan Brick Company, with which he remained for three years, and in 1906 entered the employ of the Zanesville Brick Company. In 1907 he became associated with a contractor in Columbus, Ohio, and was employed in the building of concrete roads until fall, when he went to work on the erection of the buildings of the Canton Steel Foundries Company, while on the completion of that work he learned the moulding trade in that plant. He remained with that concern until 1920, when he formed the firm of Bockus Brothers, cement contractors, and they carried the business on together until 1924, when Mr. Bockus bought his brother's interest and has since operated under his own name. He owns a well equipped factory, in which he manufactures all kinds of concrete blocks and lawn furniture and does a general cement contracting business. Mr. Bockus is painstaking and conscientious in the execution of every

contract and now enjoys an excellent reputation for absolute reliability. Because of his close attention to his business and his wise management, he has built up a large patronage and is regarded as one of the leaders in his line in Canton.

On August 8, 1911, in Canton, Mr. Bockus was united in marriage to Miss Anna J. Mullen, who is of French descent, and is a daughter of Joseph and Anna Mullen. Mr. and Mrs. Bockus are the parents of four children, namely: Walter Robert, born April 11, 1912, a student in the Lincoln high school; Vera Lucile, born May 22, 1915, now in the Lincoln high school; Russell and Adolph, born April 14, 1917, both in the Clarendon Avenue public school, and Mildred, born April 11, 1919. Mr. Bockus is a staunch democrat in his political views and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has lived a busy and useful life, consistent in motive and action, and has proven himself well worthy of the confidence and respect which are accorded him by his fellowmen.

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#### RALPH S. COOK

Through his energetic and progressive methods Ralph S. Cook has achieved substantial success in the real estate business and his efforts have in a definite way contributed to the development and improvement of his city and county. Born in Canton, Stark county, on the 26th of August, 1895, he is a son of Allen and Vietta (Shaw) Cook. His father came of an old Ohio family long located in Carroll county and was a son of Moses Cook, who also was a native of that county and was of Scotch descent. Allen Cook, who is represented elsewhere in this work, was for many years successfully engaged in the practice of law in Canton and was a man of prominence and influence in the community. His death occurred here July 19, 1925. To him and his wife were born three children, Carroll C., who lives in Long Beach, California; Gladys C., who is a teacher of music; and Ralph S.

Ralph S. Cook secured his education in the public schools of Canton, graduating from the Central high school in 1914 and then, though but nineteen years of age, engaged in the real estate business, in which he has continued to the present time. He has made a specialty of handling residence properties and home sites,

making a splendid record, and he also does a large fire insurance business, representing a number of the strongest and most reliable companies in the country.

On June 30, 1917, in Canton, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Florence Lower, who was born in Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and is a daughter of W. B. and Alice (Williams) Lower, the latter of Welsh descent. Mrs. Cook takes an active and effective interest in local educational affairs and is president of the Daniel Worley Parent-Teachers Association of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of two children, Richard L., born May 30, 1918, and Donald Eugene, born February 11, 1920. In his political views Mr. Cook maintains an independent attitude, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He belongs to the Canton Real Estate Board, which he has served as treasurer and director. He is keenly alive to the best interests of his community, giving his earnest support to all movements for the advancement of the public welfare, and commands the respect and confidence of his fellow-men.

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### ALBERT SCOTT WEAVER

Albert Scott Weaver, successfully engaged in the insurance business in Alliance, is an energetic, able and honorable man in all of his dealings and has well merited the prosperity which has come to him. Born in New Chambersburg, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 12th of June, 1880, he is a son of William Henry and Susannah (Ruff) Weaver. The family has long been established in Ohio, his great-grandfather, Isaac Weaver, having been a resident of Bridgewater, this state, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He was the father of William Weaver, who was born at North Georgetown, Knox township, Columbiana county, and died in New Chambersburg. He was a farmer, was a member of the Christian church and supported the democratic party. He married Miss Mary Sanor, who was born in North Georgetown and died at New Chambersburg, and who was a sister of Dr. John Sanor, a retired physician of Canton. William and Mary Weaver became the parents of William Henry Weaver, who was born at

New Chambersburg, in August, 1854, and is now living at that place. During his active years he followed farming and has always been numbered among the prominent and influential men of his locality. He is a member of the Bible Christian church and gives his political support to the democratic party. His wife was born in New Chambersburg, August 29, 1855, and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bair) Ruff, of New Chambersburg, where her father engaged in farming. They were members of the Christian church and Mr. Ruff was a republican in his political affiliation.

Albert S. Weaver attended the public schools of New Chambersburg, studied two years in the normal school at Bunker Hill, West township, and then took the commercial course in Salem Business College. He became ticket agent for the New York Central Railroad at Alliance, serving in that capacity for three years, and during the two following years was chief clerk in the freight office of that line. He then accepted a position as paymaster for the Saxon China Company, serving as such for eleven years, and in 1923 was secretary and director of the Alliance Pottery & Glass Company. In May, 1924, Mr. Weaver opened a general insurance office and has enjoyed a steadily increasing business, representing as he does a number of the largest and strongest companies in the country.

On January 19, 1902, in East Rochester, Ohio, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Viola Hawkins, who was born at Bayard, Ohio, May 5, 1881, and is a daughter of James R. and Clementine (Crowl) Hawkins. Her father was born at New Franklin, Ohio, in 1859, and died at East Rochester in 1912. He was a harnessmaker by trade and also conducted a barber shop. He was a member of the Lutheran church and supported the republican party. His wife was born at Bayard, Ohio, and died there in 1916. Mrs. Weaver was educated in the public schools of Bayard and East Rochester and has taken a deep interest in the social and civic affairs of Alliance, being a member of the Daughters of America and the Protective Home Circle, and she and her husband belong to the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of a daughter, Marie Elizabeth, born October 27, 1902. She was educated in the public schools of Alliance and became the wife of Lewis Warlborn, of Stark county, who is employed as a hammerman with the Transue & Williams Drop

Forge Company, of Alliance. They have a son, Dale Eugene, born November 12, 1924. Mr. Weaver is an active supporter of the republican party and served on the precinct board for fifteen years. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M., and the Protective Home Circle. A man of sound business judgment and honorable methods, he commands the respect and esteem of all who have had dealings with him, while among his associates he is deservedly popular.

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### RUSSELL WRIGHT HADLEY

Russell W. Hadley, of the Majors Food Products Company, of Canton, is making a distinctive success of this business, the purpose of which is to supply fresh and pure table foods. He is a man of extensive and varied business experience and commands the confidence of all who have dealt with him. Born in Canton, on the 25th of February, 1892, he is a son of John K. and Henrietta (Wright) Hadley, who were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio about sixty years ago. He is of English descent in both paternal and maternal lines, and one of his uncles was a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Hadley received his educational training in the public schools, graduating from Central high school, after which he went to work in the office of the United Steel Company of Canton, with which he remained for three years. He then became manager of Ned Goldberg's candy store, filling that position for three years, and in 1914 became a traveling representative of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, his territory being the state of Minnesota. He filled that position with ability for five years and was then made manager of the Goodyear interests in Japan, Korea, Formosa and Manchuria, with headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, serving in a very satisfactory manner until 1927, during which period he passed through the great earthquake in Japan. On his return to Canton, he rested for a short time and then purchased the business of the Majors Food Products Company, to the interest of which he is now devoting his close attention. He manufactures a large line of food products, such as horse radish, mayonnaise, sandwich spreads and sweet relish, and the list is constantly being in-

creased. This line is about five years old and because of the high quality of the products is steadily gaining in popularity among discriminating buyers.

On February 7, 1912, in Canton, Mr. Hadley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Eva Cooper, who was born at East Liverpool, Ohio, October 26, 1892, and is a daughter of William Edgar and Emma (Wilkinson) Cooper. Her parents are natives of Jefferson county, Ohio, her father having been born September 9, 1864, and her mother, who is of Irish parentage, on April 27, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley are the parents of three children: Russell W., Jr., born at Yokohama, Japan, March 27, 1921; William B., born at Kobe, Japan, June 4, 1924; and Dorothy S., born in Canton, February 9, 1926. In his political views Mr. Hadley is a republican, while his religious membership is with the Trinity Lutheran church in Canton. He is a member of Willmar (Minnesota) Lodge F. & A. M.; Minneapolis Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Afifi Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Tacoma, Washington; and Willmar Lodge, B. P. O. E. A man of strong character, agreeable personality and courteous and friendly manner, he has a host of warm and loyal friends, while in business circles he commands confidence and respect.

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### ALLEN COOK

The bar of Stark county was honored by the membership of the late Allen Cook, whose long and useful career was terminated by the hand of death on July 19, 1925. His eminence as a lawyer, his leadership as a citizen and his worth as a man were keenly appreciated by all who enjoyed the privilege of association with him and he was one of Canton's most universally respected citizens. Mr. Cook was born near Oneida, Carroll county, Ohio, on the 26th of November, 1857, and was a son of Moses and Elizabeth Cook, natives of Carroll county and members of old and prominent families of that locality, the Cooks being of Scotch descent.

Allen Cook was reared in his native county, where he secured his early education in the public schools, after which he attended Mt. Union College, and then entered the law school of Ohio Northern University, at Ada, from which he was graduated with

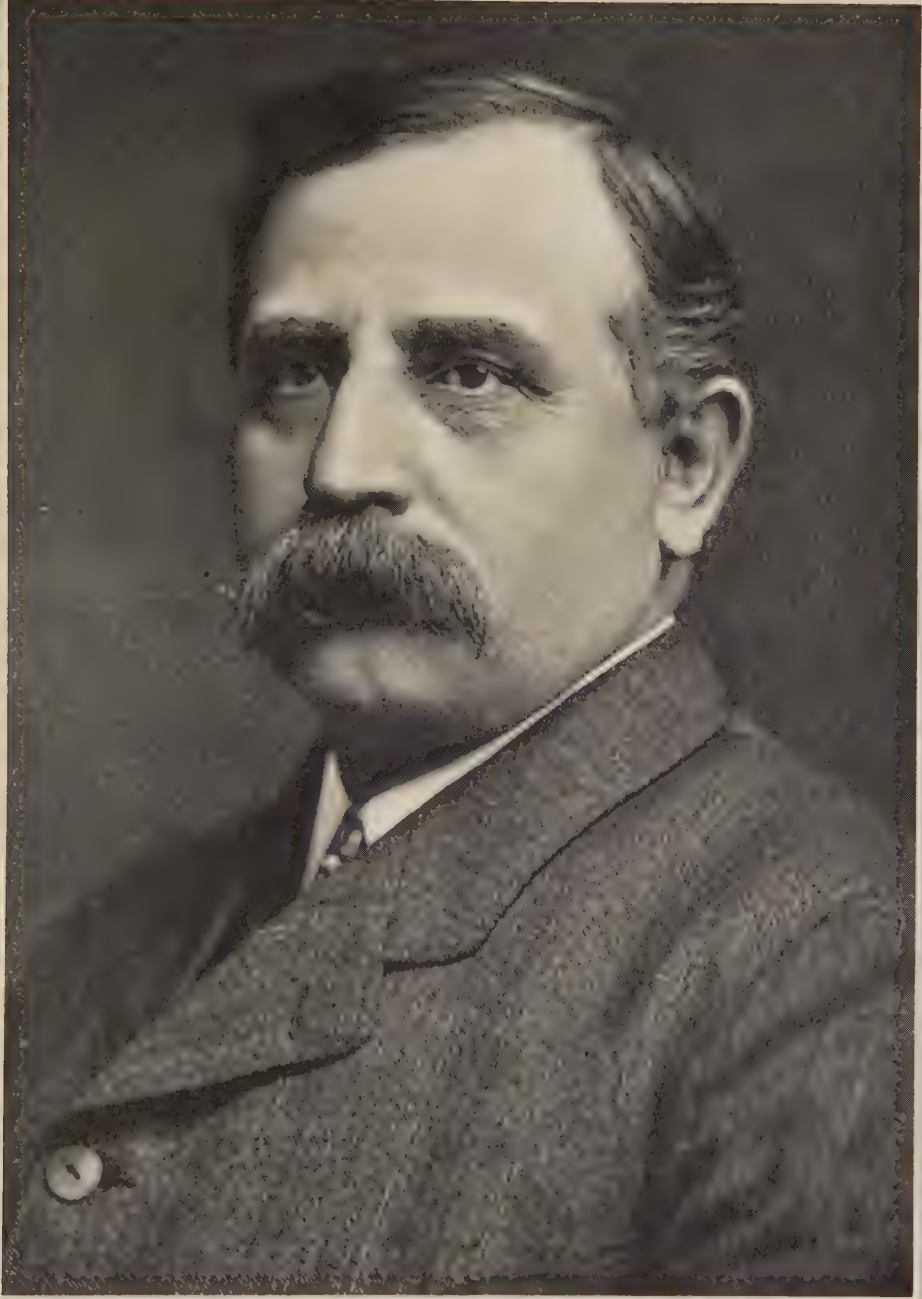
the degree of Bachelor of Laws. About 1888 he located in Canton and engaged in the practice of law, his first office being in the McKinley block, from which he later moved to the Commercial block, where for thirty-two years he devoted himself indefatigably to his professional work. No lawyer of his day stood higher in the estimation of this bar, for he bore an unsullied reputation as an exemplar of the highest civic virtues as well as of the noblest ethics and traditions of the legal profession.

Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Vietta Shaw, also a native of Carroll county, this state, and a daughter of Jesse and Ellen Shaw, a prominent and well known family of that county, where Mr. Shaw devoted his life to horticultural pursuits. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, the bullet which he received there remaining in one of his legs during the remainder of his life. He died December 21, 1926, at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Cook still resides in the old home in Canton and because of her beautiful life and gracious qualities is beloved by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born three children: Carroll C., who is a resident of Long Beach, California; Gladys, a successful teacher of music; and Ralph S., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. In his political views Mr. Cook was originally a democrat, but after many years spent in the study of social and economic questions gave his support to the populist party, and during the later years of his life was affiliated with the socialist party. He was cordial and affable in his social relations and had a host of loyal friends throughout the city, being held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

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### FRANKLIN B. NIESZ

If the true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, then Franklin B. Niesz was essentially a successful man, for, from a humble beginning, he reached a position of prominence and influence in the business world through the proper use of the talents which were his, while in all that constituted true manhood and good citizenship he was a worthy example, while none stood higher than he in the esteem and confidence of



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those who knew him. Mr. Niesz was born in 1854 near Perry College in Stark county, Ohio, and was a son of William and Eliza Niesz. The father taught school during his early years, but later turned his attention to farming, which pursuit he followed to the time of his death.

Franklin B. Niesz received his early education in the district schools near his home, and then went to Kentland, Newton county, Indiana, where he had a brother who was engaged in educational work, and there he completed his public school course. He next entered Purdue University, at Lafayette, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated. For five years Mr. Niesz taught school during the winter months and devoted his summers to work on the farm, while later he became a teacher in Perry College. In 1880 he resigned that position and went to work for the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company as a shipping clerk, for which he received a salary of four hundred and fifty dollars a year. Ambitious for advancement and feeling the need of better preparation for a business career, he took a course in bookkeeping and penmanship under his brother-in-law, and thus equipped himself for the position of bookkeeper, to which he was promoted. His loyal and efficient service won him further advancements, at increased remuneration, and at length he became secretary and treasurer of the Bucher & Gibbs Company, also acquiring an interest in the business. Eventually he was made president and general manager of the company, after the death of Mr. Bucher and the retirement of Mr. Gibbs, and held that position to the time of his death, which occurred June 23, 1919, at the age of sixty-five years. He had been with the Bucher & Gibbs Company for forty years and by his capable and effective labors he became an important factor in the successful conduct of the business, being a man of mature judgment, wise foresight and sound methods. He was a conspicuous figure in the industrial circles of Stark county, being well acquainted with the principal heads of the manufacturing world.

In November, 1879, Mr. Niesz was united in marriage to Miss Ada Zamora Faust, who is a daughter of Cornelius and Martha E. (Stock) Faust, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from which locality came so many of the prominent early pioneers of this section of Ohio. In those early days the journey from Lancaster county to Stark county was a large undertaking, comparable even to the migration across the western

plains in later years, for the pioneers traveled in wagons and were compelled to endure many hardships and privations, as well as dangers. Mrs. Niesz's brother, C. W. Faust, is a well known florist, gardener, farmer and bee fancier, raising queen bees extensively for the market. Her father, who was a son of a minister, was raised on the Rev. Benjamin Faust farm on the Georgetown road, in Stark county. His wife was a daughter of John Stock, who also was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Niesz were born three children: Grace Naomi, who died at the age of three months; Mattie Pearl, who died at the age of seven months; and Allen Frank, who died when five years old.

Mr. Niesz was a friend and great admirer of President McKinley, gave his political support to the republican party and was greatly interested in public affairs. He was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the United Commercial Travelers, and the Board of Trade, which later became the Chamber of Commerce. He was an earnest and faithful member of the United Evangelical church, to which Mrs. Niesz also belongs. He was essentially a self-made man, achieving every step of his progress through his innate ability and determination. The basic principle of his advancement was loyalty and he did thoroughly and well every duty which came to him. He was recognized as a splendid citizen, a man of lofty character, sturdy integrity and unswerving honesty, characteristics which gained for him the respect and good will of all who came in contact with him.

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### CARL F. KLEIN

Carl F. Klein is rapidly gaining recognition as a skillful and talented lawyer and is building up a very creditable practice in Canton. Well grounded in the law, keen and alert in the trial of causes and sound as an office counselor, his record has gained for him a good reputation as a reliable and trustworthy attorney and he commands the respect of all who have been associated with him. Mr. Klein was born in Chili, Coshocton county, Ohio, October 25, 1899, and is a son of George D. and Ella (Barth) Klein. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Elizabeth (Miller)

Klein, both of whom were natives of Germany, from which country they were brought to the United States by their respective parents, Mr. Klein when thirteen years old and Miss Miller at the age of nine years. Here they were reared and educated and Mr. Klein engaged in farming during his younger years, but afterward took up the trade of shoemaking, which he followed for a number of years, and then returned to farming. His son, George D. Klein, was born in Adams township, Coshocton county, September 3, 1873, and secured his early education in the public schools. He pursued the study of law in Ohio Northern University, at Ada, and the law school of Ohio State University, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Coshocton, where he has attained a leading place at the bar of his county. He served two terms as prosecuting attorney of Coshocton county, and was also city solicitor of Coshocton. He is a democrat in his political alignment and is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Ella (Barth) Klein was born in Adams township, Coshocton county, and is a daughter of Frederick Barth, whose family, of German origin, settled in that locality in an early day. Mrs. Ella Klein died at the age of twenty-one years, leaving one child, Carl F.

Having secured his early education in the public school of White Eyes township, Coshocton county, and graduated from the high school in Coshocton, Carl F. Klein attended Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, for one year and then entered Ohio Northern University, at Ada, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1925. Prior to his graduation he had been employed by the United Alloy Steel Company, and through his earnings there partly paid his way through college. On completing his education, Mr. Klein came to Canton and has since devoted his attention to law practice, having offices at 138 Market avenue south.

In his political views Mr. Klein is a stanch democrat and has taken an active interest in local public affairs. In the fall of 1927 he was the nominee of his party for the office of city solicitor, but in the republican landslide of that election was defeated. He is a member of the Stark County Bar Association. During the World war he enlisted in the United States Marines, being at that time eighteen years of age, but was not called into active service. A close reader and constant student, he is a man of broad views

and well defined opinions, and commands the respect of all who know him, while in social circles he is extremely popular and well liked.

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### LEONARD W. HEWITT

Leonard W. Hewitt is the head of Leonard W. Hewitt & Company, recognized as one of the reliable real estate firms in Canton, commanding a large and steadily increasing business as a result of progressive and up-to-date methods and an honorable record. Mr. Hewitt was born at Mechanicstown, Carroll county, Ohio, on the 6th of January, 1880, and is a son of Wesley and Margaret (Snively) Hewitt. His grandfather, Samuel Hewitt, was a pioneer settler of Carroll county and there became a successful farmer and stock raiser. Wesley Hewitt was born at Mechanicstown in 1848 and was there reared and educated. He engaged in farming and stock raising, following that line of business there for many years, or up to the time of his retirement, since which time he has lived in Alliance, Stark county, enjoying the fruits of his former labors. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born at Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, and in both paternal and maternal lines is descended from old pioneer families of that locality. To Wesley and Margaret Hewitt were born three children: Leonard W. and Perry R. and Jettie C., who reside in Alliance, this county.

Leonard W. Hewitt was educated in the public schools of Mechanicstown and then attended Scio College, in Harrison county, from which he was graduated on completing the commercial course. He also attended the normal school at Augusta, after which he taught school for two years in Carroll county. In the fall of 1901 he located in Alliance, where he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Later he worked for the Morgan Engineering Company as paymaster and private secretary to Superintendent J. L. Lloyd. He remained with that concern five years, resigning in order to accept a similar position in the treasurer's department of the McCaskey Register Company, where he remained for two years. He then decided to start out on his own

account and engaged in the grain and elevator business at Bergholz, Jefferson county, in which he was successfully engaged for three years, when he sold out and came to Canton, where he has resided continuously since. For a time he was connected with the Canton Feed and Milling Company as a salesman, but in 1913 bought a half interest in the old established realty business of C. D. Burns, which was then located in the Citizens Building and Loan Company building. With a vision of future possibilities and a desire to expand the scope of operations, he bought his partner's interest and has since conducted the business under the name of Leonard W. Hewitt & Company. He inaugurated new and improved methods, which at once proved highly successful, and he has developed his interests into one of the leading enterprises in its line in Stark county. He specializes mainly in selling home properties and in real estate rentals, and in the latter department has hundreds of satisfied clients of whose properties he has entire charge.

On October 18, 1904, at Bergholz, Ohio, Mr. Hewitt was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B. Robbins, who was born and reared at that place and is a daughter of Fisher and Emma (McClain) Robbins. Mrs. Hewitt is a member of the Canton Women's Club and the Women's Republican Club and is actively interested in church and missionary work. Mr. Hewitt gives his support to the republican party and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Real Estate Board, of which he is a director. He and his wife belong to the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of its official board. Because of his splendid business record, his earnest and consistent life and his excellent personal qualities, he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of Canton's most progressive citizens.

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#### ALBERT WAFLER

Albert Wafler is one of the veterans in the builders' supplies and coal business in Alliance, in which he has engaged continuously for twenty-five years, and is now a member of the Alliance Builders Supply Company, one of the leading concerns in its line

in this city. Mr. Wafler was born on his father's farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, November 21, 1874, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Egger) Wafler. In both paternal and maternal lines he is descended from sterling old Swiss stock. His grandparents, John and Susannah (Klopenstein) Wafler, were natives of Switzerland, the former born in 1793 and the latter in 1800. Mr. Wafler was a farmer and for many years was an elder in the Reformed church. He died July 24, 1865, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife April 24, 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. Samuel Wafler was born in Frutigen, Switzerland, October 17, 1830, and died in Alliance, Ohio, November 9, 1912. He had devoted his active years to farming but had retired some years prior to his death. His wife was born at Frutigen, Switzerland, May 6, 1843, and is now living in Alliance, Ohio. She is a daughter of Albert and Louise (Klopenstein) Egger, of whom the former was born in Switzerland, March 4, 1817, and died in Buchanan, Minnesota, February 25, 1909. He had held an official position for a number of years in his native country, and in 1870 came to Stark county, Ohio, engaging in the cheese manufacturing business near Alliance, in which he met with success, carrying the business on until 1884, when he retired and moved to Minnesota, where he spent his remaining years. He was a member of the Reformed church and supported the republican party. His wife was born in Switzerland, March 11, 1819, and died in Minnesota in July, 1910.

Albert Wafler attended the public schools of Columbiana county and then took a business course at Mt. Union College. He remained with his father on the home farm until he had attained his majority, when he started out to earn his own livelihood. Coming to Alliance, he found employment as a clerk in the grocery store of Harsh & Garmen, where he remained for eight years, after which, for about six months, he was with the Builders Supply and Coal Company, of which Clem Spidell was the owner. He then became associated with L. C. Wagner and they bought the business, which they conducted under the name of Wagner & Wafler, for about eighteen months. The business changed hands a number of times, but Mr. Wafler has been identified with it continuously for fifteen years. In 1920 he formed a partnership with John B. Boyd and W. R. Jones, under the firm name of the Alliance Builders Supply Company, and they have conducted the

business to the present time. They handle a full line of building materials and coal and have two yards, one located at Summit street and the Pennsylvania railroad and the other on Auld street. Prompt and efficient service and sound business methods have gained for the company a high reputation as a dependable and reliable concern and it is drawing its full share of the local trade.

On August 21, 1918, in Alliance, Mr. Wafler was united in marriage to Miss Katie Auld, who was born in this city, June 9, 1886, and is a daughter of William and Jessie (Fawns) Auld. Mr. Auld was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, where he was long connected with mining, but after coming to Stark county he became a successful realtor, from which he retired sometime prior to his death. He was a republican in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious faith. His widow, also a native of Scotland, still resides in Alliance. Mrs. Wafler, who was educated in the public schools of Alliance, is an active member of the Presbyterian church and its auxiliary societies. Mr. and Mrs. Wafler have become the parents of three children: Henry A., who was born July 6, 1919, and died April 30, 1926; Jean Isabell, born December 8, 1920; and Lois Ann, born January 22, 1928. Mr. Wafler has always given his earnest support to the republican party and has been a consistent advocate of those things which tend to promote the best interests of the community. He is a member and deacon of the Reformed church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. Because of his good business record and his excellent personal qualities, he is highly regarded by all who know him.

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#### DAVID F. BANKER, M. D.

Dr. David F. Banker has for many years been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Canton and during this time has gained a place in the forefront of his profession, because of his capability and efficiency in the treatment of human ailments and his ability to inspire confidence on the part of his patients, by whom he is held in lasting regard. Dr. Banker was born in Canton township, Stark county, on the 28th of December, 1868, and is a son of John and Anna (Gerber) Banker. His father was born in the canton of Berne, Switzerland, and when eleven years

of age was brought to the United States by his widowed mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fehlman) Banker, who settled at Zoar, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where her death occurred. John Banker was reared and educated in Stark county, and during the Civil war he enlisted in the Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served several years. He followed farming and stock raising and became a man of prominence in his community. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed church. His wife was born in Canton township, Stark county, and was a daughter of William and Barbara (Yadege) Gerber, both of whom were of German descent and early settlers in Stark county. Mr. Banker died in 1910, at the age of seventy years, and his wife died in 1902, at the age of sixty-four years. To them were born five children, of whom three survive, namely: David F.; Dr. Newton S., of Cleveland, Ohio; Emma, who is the wife of D. W. Newman, of Strasburg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio; and John C., of Canton. Mrs. Banker also had two children by a former marriage.

David F. Banker attended the district schools of Canton township, the Ohio Normal University, Wooster College and then, having decided to devote his life to the practice of the healing art, he matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1900. Immediately he came to Canton, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Though conducting a general practice, he specializes in internal medicine and, being an accurate diagnostician, has been remarkably successful in combating disease.

On February 19, 1921, Dr. Banker was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Deyhuff, who was born in Volcano, West Virginia, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Deyhuff. Dr. Banker gives his political support to the democratic party and during the years of his residence here has shown a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The Doctor is entitled to great credit for his success in life, for he is, in the best sense of the term, a self-made man, having worked his own way through the higher educational institutions which he attended, his work including six years of school teaching in Canton township. He richly merits the high

place which he holds in public confidence and esteem because of the sterling worth of his character and his unfaltering devotion to the highest ethical standards of his profession.

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### WILLIAM A. SUMMIT

William A. Summit has gained a well merited place among the able and prominent lawyers of Canton and is also regarded as one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens, having taken an active and effective interest in matters relating to the welfare of the community. Mr. Summit was born in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of November, 1899, and is a son of Joseph L. and Regina (Englander) Summit, natives of Austria-Hungary, where they were reared, educated and married. His father came to the United States in 1889 and located in Wilkes-Barre, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1917, when he brought his family to Ohio, settling in Youngstown. Later he moved to Fremont, this state, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred December 28, 1926, when he was sixty-nine years of age. He was a man of marked ability, was successful in his business affairs and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States and gave his support to the republican party, taking an active interest in local and state politics. His wife, who is now living in Fremont, did not accompany her husband to this country, but remained in her native land until he had become established here. To them were born five children, two sons and three daughters.

William A. Summit, the youngest of the four surviving children, attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from high school in 1917. He was elected secretary of the senior class. On coming to Ohio, he entered the Youngstown Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922, receiving the highest scholarship awards in both the junior and senior years. During his summer vacation periods he was employed at clerical and secretarial work, and thus provided his own way through college. Following his graduation, he took a post-graduate course in law under Hon. Frank R. Gusweiler, former

judge of the superior court in Cincinnati, Ohio, after which he passed the bar examination, receiving the third highest rating in the state in a class of three hundred and sixty-eight. He then returned to Canton and became associated with the law firm of Blake & Blake, with whom he remained until 1925, when he engaged in practice alone, and has built up a very satisfactory clientele. He has offices in the Clark building and is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger members of the bar of Stark county.

In his political alignment Mr. Summit is a republican and has been active in party affairs, serving at this time as a member of the republican city committee. He is the author and sponsor of a legislative act establishing and regulating the Canton municipal court. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; the Grotto, I. O. B. B., the McKinley Club, the Stark County Bar Association and the Ohio Lawyers Club. A constant student of his profession, a safe and reliable office counselor and a keen and resourceful trial lawyer, he commands the respect of all who are familiar with his record, while socially he is deservedly popular among his acquaintances.

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### FRANK EDMUND DUSSEL

Resourceful, alert, quick in decision and of sound judgment—these qualities brought Frank Edmund Dussel from the position of office boy to that of president of one of the large manufacturing concerns of Alliance, this being the Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corporation, manufacturers of drop forgings and metal stamping.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Frank E. Dussel is a son of Jacob B. and Sevilla (Crotser) Dussel. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States about 1850, first settling in Akron, where he married Sevilla Crotser, who was a native of Pennsylvania. There he engaged in the grocery business, becoming an active factor in the commercial circles of that city, where his death occurred in 1876. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1908.

The public school system of Akron provided Frank E. Dussel with his educational opportunities. He worked through successive



FRANK E. DUSSEL



grades until he became a high school pupil. While still a youth he secured a situation in the plant of the Diamond Match Company, after which he was with the firm of Trowbridge & Main and subsequently with the firm of Wolf, Church & Beck of Akron, several years passing in these connections. He then went to the Bank of Akron as a bookkeeper and served in that capacity for three years. He was next with the Morgan Engineering Company at Alliance as bookkeeper for thirteen years and then entered into association with the Columbia Chemical Company of Barberton as assistant secretary and treasurer, continuing in that connection for five years, after which he became identified with the Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corporation at Alliance as secretary and treasurer. He was advanced to the office of vice president and later was elected to the presidency, so continuing until 1927.

With the passing years Mr. Dussel's cooperation was sought in many fields and he became a director of the Alliance First National Bank, the McCaskey Register Company, the Buckeye Twist Drill Company, the Buckeye Jack Manufacturing Company, the Machined Steel Casting Company and the Industrial Building & Loan Association. His sound judgment is considered a valuable asset in each of these business interests and has been a contributing factor to the success not only of those corporations but also of the Republic Stamping & Enameling Company, of which he is a director, and of the Savonas Land & Lumber Company and the Alliance Steel Sanitary Company. Sitting on the boards of all these different business organizations, he has been active in formulating their policies and directing their interests and his contemporaries and colleagues bear testimony to his marked business ability and enterprising spirit. He continued in the presidency of the Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corporation until 1927, when he went abroad.

On the 17th of May, 1887, Mr. Dussel was married in Canton, Ohio, to Miss Catharine Anna Buckius, a daughter of Augustus R. and Catharine (Geiger) Buckius, of that city, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Dussel is a member of the Alliance Women's Club and is interested in other social organizations.

Mr. Dussel belongs to the Congress Lake Club, the Brookside Club of Canton and the Alliance Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., to the various York and Scottish Rite bodies and to Al Koran Temple of

the Mystic Shrine, and he is a trustee of the Masonic Temple Building Association. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their interests center in all those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. In a word he is a splendid type of the American citizen who fully utilizes his opportunities for business progress and at the same time aids in that general development which makes for stability and improvement in every community. The methods that he has followed will ever bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and his life record indicates what can be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do and where individual effort recognizes and utilizes the chances that are continually offered in the business world.

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### MATHEW MILLER

In connection with the building trades of Stark county Mathew Miller of Canton is well known. He has won a wide reputation as a manufacturer of all kinds of cut stone and has built up a large and prosperous business. He was born at Beilingen, Rhenish Prussia, Germany, July 3, 1868, and is a son of Nicholas and Magdalena (Gerten) Miller, the former born March 28, 1828, in the same house in which his son first saw the light of day, while the latter was born April 14, 1836, at Spang, about three miles from Beilingen. The father was a successful farmer and also had a stone quarry, in which he made grindstones.

Mathew Miller attended the public schools of his native village to the age of fourteen years and then went to work in his father's quarry, following that line until eighteen years of age, when having become an expert stonecutter he went to work for contractors, with whom he learned the details of cutting building stone, his last employer in Germany being a man by the name of Engel, whose establishment was located at Trarbach on the Moselle river. On February 5, 1891, he left Germany and landed at New York city but soon proceeded to Columbia, Tennessee, where for about six months he was employed at his trade by the Goodwin Construction Company. He next went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he worked on the construction of the custom

house. Soon afterwards, being in financial straits, he worked at other employment so as to get back to Knoxville, Tennessee, where a brother lived. For about a year he was with the East Tennessee Marble Company, after which he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to Cleveland, and to Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, where he was employed on the construction of the normal school buildings. He was next in Pittsburgh, later in Chicago, and then went to Wapakoneta, Ohio, where he worked on the courthouse. During the three following years he was employed in connection with the building of the courthouse at Bowling Green, Ohio, working for the Townsend Construction Company, after which he spent another year in carving with White & Prust, carving contractors of Dayton, Ohio. At Upper Sandusky he worked on the new courthouse, and was then employed at his trade for about a year in St. Louis, Missouri. While there he took a course in architectural drawing under Henry Mack and a course in architectural designing and drawing with the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Miller's next move was to Cleveland, and thence in 1899 to Canton, where he has since remained. His first work here was for the R. H. Evans Construction Company, on the F. E. Case mansion on North Market street, which, on the death of Mr. Case, will be given to the city of Canton, to be used as a historical museum. From 1900 until 1906 Mr. Miller was engaged in the contracting business in Massillon, and on his return to Canton he started a cut-stone yard at 434 Young avenue southeast, where he is still located, turning out all kinds of cut-stone for building purposes, one excellent example of his art being the Mercy hospital building of this city. Being an expert stone cutter, he is critical of the work done in his yard, employs only experienced and reliable workmen and takes justifiable pride in the high quality of his work. He was the first man in Stark county to install a carborundum saw for use in cutting stone.

In October, 1906, in the First Reformed church in Canton, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary Zandt, who was born July 9, 1868, and is a daughter of William Zandt, a native of Baden, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two children, Clara L., the wife of Carl C. French, of Kankakee, Illinois, and Edwin Wendell, who graduated from McKinley high school, Canton, and lives in this city. Mr. Miller is a democrat in his political views and is a public spirited citizen, ready at all

times to cooperate in movements for the betterment of the city and county. Because of his technical ability, his business success and his admirable personal qualities, he is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### CLARENCE M. LOCKWOOD

Clarence M. Lockwood, manager of the Canton branch of the brokerage firm of Samuel Ungerleider & Company, of Cleveland, is a man of keen business judgment, progressive methods and unquestioned integrity, and those who have come in contact with him are sincere in their praise of his sterling qualities. Mr. Lockwood was born at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, Ohio, on the 3d of July, 1892, and is a son of Samuel and Clara (Shook) Lockwood. His father, who is of English descent, was born and reared at Port Clinton, being a member of an old Ohio family, whose American antecedents are traced back to colonial days. He followed farming, but is now living retired. The mother, who also is of English lineage, was born at Port Clinton, and died October 14, 1911, at the age of fifty-eight years. To them were born three sons and two daughters.

Clarence M. Lockwood, the youngest of the family, attended the public schools of Port Clinton, graduating from high school in 1909, and then took a two years' course at Ohio Wesleyan University. He lived on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, but on completing his college work accepted a position as clerk at the Hotel Euclid, in Cleveland, where he remained two years. From there he went to Toledo, Ohio, where for four years he was connected with the Wyllis-Overland Automobile Company, serving in the treasury department. In June, 1920, he entered the employ of Samuel Ungerleider & Company at Cleveland, and on March 19, 1925, when that firm opened a branch office in Canton Mr. Lockwood was designated as its manager, in which capacity he is still serving. He has shown himself well qualified for the position and during his administration of the office has built up a large and steadily increasing clientele. The steady growth of the business has necessitated removal to larger quarters, with more employees. A bond department has been added and the business

is now of substantial proportions, owing to the capable management of Mr. Lockwood.

On October 27, 1912, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage to Miss Bertine Edna Martinet, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Thomas C. and Josephine (Meyer) Martinet, representatives of families long resident in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood are the parents of two children, namely: Harold C., born July 3, 1913, and Mildred Louise, January 17, 1917, both children being born in Toledo. In his political views Mr. Lockwood is a republican and has always taken a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a member of Gaston G. Allen Lodge, No. 629, F. & A. M.; at Cleveland; Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 189, R. A. M., of Cleveland; and the Canton Grotto. He belongs to the Congress Lake Club, the Canton Club, the Exchange Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are active members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton, in the welfare of which they are deeply interested. Mrs. Lockwood is a woman of splendid personal qualities and is actively interested in civic and missionary work. Mr. Lockwood is a lover of outdoor diversions, hunting and fishing being his favorite forms of recreation. A genial and agreeable companion, he has a large circle of warm friends and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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### HARRY JOSEPH HICK

This is a propitious period for the inventive genius, for the spirit of progress and improvement rules in every field of mechanical activity. Harry J. Hick, president of the Hy-Kon Manufacturing Company, of Alliance, has devised and patented a number of articles of genuine merit, which have been well received by the buying public, and is achieving a very satisfactory measure of success in their manufacture and sale. A native of Ohio, Mr. Hick was born at Atwater, June 9, 1879, and is a son of Henry H. and Elizabeth (Candle) Hick. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1853, became a potter by trade, and was also interested in farming. He was an independent voter, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his death occurred at Atwater, Ohio, in May, 1925. His father, William Hick, who spent his life

at Atwater, Ohio, was a well known preacher and lecturer and during the Civil war published a paper called the "Sharp Sickle." He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was independent in politics. Elizabeth (Candle) Hick, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and died at Atwater, September 6, 1901, was a daughter of Solomon Candle, who for many years was a farmer in Columbiana county, and held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Harry J. Hick secured his education in the public schools of Atwater and then learned the trade of a meat cutter, which he followed for eight years. He next worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a derrick engineer for five years, after which he became a foreman for the McCaskey Register Company, later being promoted to the position of superintendent, and eventually being placed in charge of the development department. He was with that company thirteen years and in 1919, organized the Hy-Kon manufacturing Company, of which he is president and general manager. The company is engaged in the manufacture of tools for electric wiring contractors, as well as automobile accessories, many of which have been invented by Mr. Hick, who has devoted much of his time and attention to research and development work, with fruitful results.

On February 25, 1903, in Niles, Ohio, Mr. Hick was united in marriage to Miss Sara Scriven, who was born November 5, 1877, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Horton) Scriven, both of whom were natives of England and died in Niles, where Mr. Scriven had been employed as a sheet mill roller. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Hick graduated from the Niles high school and attended the Canfield Normal School, after which she was employed as a telephone operator in Niles to the time of her marriage. She is a member of the Christian church and has taken an active interest in the club and social life of this city, belonging to the Daughters of America, the Dames of Malta and the Mt. Union College Womens Club. During the World war she took an active part in Red Cross work and has shown an effective interest in things pertaining to the welfare of her community. Mr. and Mrs. Hick have a son, Joseph Scriven Hick, born June 9, 1904, who is a graduate of the Alliance high school, attended Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana, two summers and one year

at Mt. Union College, and is now connected with the Hy-Kon Manufacturing Company. In his political views Mr. Hick is a staunch democrat and is an adherent of the Christian church. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and the Chamber of Commerce, and stands ready to cooperate with his fellowmen in efforts to advance the best interests of his city and county. Successful in his business affairs, honorable in all of his dealings and a man of splendid personality, he holds a high place in the confidence and respect of all who know him and is regarded as one of Stark county's progressive and enterprising business men.

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### SAMUEL F. BOWMAN

Samuel F. Bowman has been successful in two distinct lines of effort, both of which demand a high type of intellectual ability. He was formerly actively engaged in education affairs for a number of years, while during the past twenty years he has directed his attention to the practice of law, in which he has gained a reputation as a capable, thorough and painstaking attorney. Mr. Bowman was born on his father's farm near East Sparta, Stark county, Ohio, September 18, 1874, and is a son of Hiram and Lydia (Anderson) Bowman. The Bowman family was established in Ohio by his great-grandfather, Jacob Bowman, a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent, who settled on a farm near East Sparta, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of Samuel Bowman, who was born and reared at East Sparta, where he followed agricultural pursuits, shipping his farm products down the canal from Massillon, Ohio. He was a republican and was a member of the Church of Christ. Among his children was Hiram Bowman, who also was born in the old log cabin home at East Sparta and, like his father has followed farming, still giving his attention, despite his advanced age, to the operation of his farm. He married Miss Lydia Anderson, a daughter of James and Ann B. (Johnson) Anderson, who were natives of Harrison county, Ohio, and members of old pioneer families, the Anderson family being of Irish descent. His grandfather Anderson was a soldier in the Civil war, in which he was captured, dying soon after his liberation from Andersonville prison. To Hiram

and Lydia Bowman were born seven children, of whom five are living, namely: Samuel F., Charles E., who resides near East Sparta; John E., who lives near Magnolia, Ohio; James H., who is engaged in the banking business in Honolulu; and Frederick A., who lives near East Sparta.

Samuel F. Bowman was reared on his father's farm, and secured his early education in the district schools of that locality. He entered Ohio Northern University, at Ada, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1898. During the ensuing thirteen years he engaged in teaching school, two years of which time he was superintendent of schools at East Sparta, Ohio, three years superintendent at Waynesburg, Ohio, one year at North Industry, and two years at Prairie College in Canton township, this county. He then took up the study of law in the office of J. C. Welty and John W. Albaugh, in Canton, and on June 18, 1907, was admitted to the bar. He became associated in the practice of law with J. J. McCall but later the partnership was dissolved, since which time Mr. Bowman has been alone. He conducts a general law practice, but makes a specialty of abstracts of title, a most exacting line of effort, but one in which he has gained an enviable reputation for absolute dependability and accuracy.

On August 17, 1899, in Pike township, near North Industry, Stark county, Mr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Skelton, a successful school teacher, and a graduate of the college at Valparaiso, Indiana. She is a native of Stark county and a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Steiner) Skelton. The Skeltons settled in Ohio at a very early day and the land which at that time was entered from the government is still in the possession of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have three living children, namely: Harold S., who was born on the old Skelton farm; Miriam A., the wife of Leon E. Bone, professor of chemistry in the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon; and Lawrence L., who is a junior in Hiram College.

Mr. Bowman has always given his political support to the republican party, while his religious membership is with the First Christian church of Canton, of which he is an elder and treasurer. He is a member and past noble grand of Stark Lodge, No. 513, I. O. O. F., treasurer of the Odd Fellows Association of Canton and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Mr. Bowman ex-

emplifies the highest type of American citizenship, upholding the interests of community and country at all times, and can always be depended upon to support every movement for the common good. By reason of these qualities, as well as for his professional ability, he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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### ARTHUR L. KAUFFMANN

Arthur L. Kauffmann has had wide experience in finance and accountancy and therefore came to his present position as manager of the City Loan and Savings Company well qualified and equipped for his duties. His ability is evidenced by the very satisfactory growth of the institution and he now holds an enviable place in the business circles of Canton. A native of this city, he was born on the 29th of August, 1897, and is a son of Emil J. and Emma (Wottle) Kauffmann. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Kauffmann, was a native of Germany and on emigrating to this country settled in Canton, where he became one of the first employes of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, with which he was connected for many years. Emil J. Kauffmann was born in Canton, received his education in the public schools, and was for many years successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business in this city but has now retired. He has given his political support to the democratic party and has always been active in political and civic affairs. His religious connection is with St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. His wife was born and reared in Canton and is a member of an old pioneer family of this locality, her maternal ancestors having been natives of Alsace-Lorraine. To Emil and Emma Kauffmann were born three children: Arthur L.; Mildred, the wife of W. Bernard Rodgers, who is represented elsewhere in this work; and Lester P.

Arthur L. Kauffmann attended the public schools of Canton, and then entered the employ of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, remaining in the cost department for two years, and then resigning in 1914, to enter the United States internal revenue service. He was in that department for nine years, working for the first six years under Harry Weiss, collector of internal revenue at

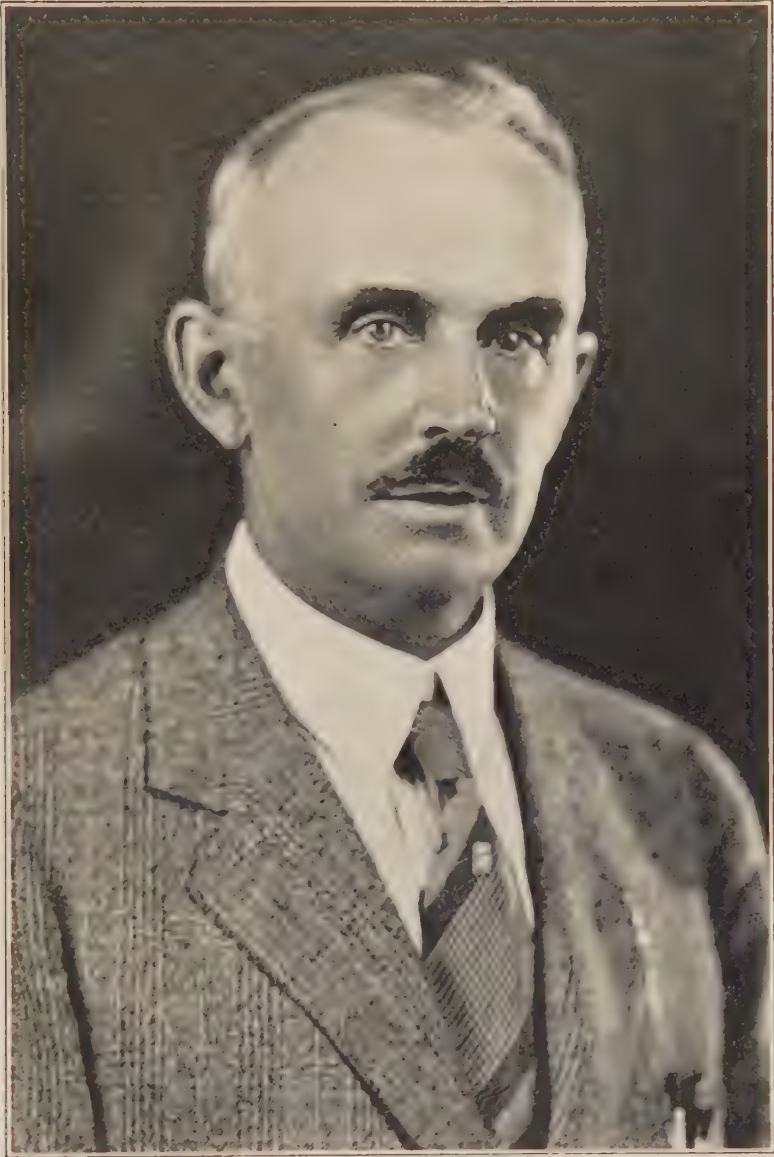
Cleveland, and the last three years in the department at Washington, D. C. On leaving the government employ Mr. Kauffmann became assistant cashier and auditor of the First Trust and Savings Bank of Canton, which position he held for two years and, in February, 1925, was appointed assistant manager of the City Loan and Savings Company, becoming manager one month later. He has held that position to the present time, during which period the volume of the company's business has increased one hundred per cent. This is regarded as one of the strongest and most active institutions in its line in this section of the state.

On August 28, 1917, at Wheeling, West Virginia, Mr. Kauffmann was united in marriage to Miss Flossie L. Moughiman, who was born in Sherrodsville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Fred and Eva (Henderson) Moughiman. Her father is retired. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffmann are the parents of two children, Dale R., born September 2, 1918, and Eileen M., born February 21, 1923. Mr. Kauffmann gives his support to the democratic party and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Canton Exchange Club. He and his wife are active members of the Lowell Reformed church. Mr. Kauffmann has shown a helpful public spirit, is actuated by high ideals and has consistently supported every measure for the advancement of the city's interests along material or civic lines. Cordial and affable in manner, he easily makes friends and is held in high regard.

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### ALTON LEE ATKINSON

Alton Lee Atkinson, president of the Alliance First National Bank, has long been actively identified with the banking and commercial interests of the city and has been a large factor in the prosperity and advancement of his community. He has been the architect of his own fortune, for he began his business career here at the foot of the ladder and his progress has been due entirely to his determined efforts and his loyal and efficient performance of every duty placed on him. His has been a life of honor and usefulness and today no resident of Alliance is held in higher esteem than he.



ALTON L. ATKINSON



Mr. Atkinson was born at Damascus, Mahoning county, Ohio, on the 24th of August, 1864, a son of Mahlon S. and Mary (Lee) Atkinson. His paternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Moore) Atkinson, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey and the latter of Salem, Ohio, where they both died. George Atkinson followed farming and was also a brickmason by trade. He was a republican in politics and a Baptist in his religious faith.

Mahlon S. Atkinson was born in Salem, Ohio, in November, 1832, and died in Londonville, Ohio, November 20, 1925. He was a farmer and stock dealer and was fairly successful. Being a man of fine personal qualities, he was highly regarded by all who knew him. During the Civil war he was numbered among the famous "Squirrel Hunters," so renowned for their marksmanship and splendid war service. He supported the republican party and was an adherent of the Baptist church. His wife, Mary (Lee) Atkinson was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1836, and died at Garfield, Ohio, June 3, 1904. She was a daughter of Mordica and Amanda (Thomas) Lee, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and became early settlers in Alliance, Ohio, where the father followed farming. He was a Quaker in his religious faith and supported the republican party. His death occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, while a resident of Damascus. He was a son of Charles and Amanda (Wright) Lee, of Philadelphia, and was related to General Robert E. Lee. Three of his sons served in the Union army during the Civil war.

Alton Lee Atkinson attended the public schools and Damascus Academy and then took a commercial course in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. For about one year he was employed as a bookkeeper by H. Thomas & Company, at Homeworth, Columbiana county, after which he worked for about a year in a furniture store and undertaking establishment in California. He then returned to Mahoning county and engaged in farming for a few years, but, being ambitious for a business career, he came to Alliance in 1891 and entered the First National Bank as a messenger, at a salary of twenty dollars a month. Faithful and intelligent service won him successive promotions through the various departments of the bank and he is now president of the Alliance First National Bank, which institution is a consolidation of the Alliance Bank Company and the First National Bank. During all of these years he has devoted himself indefatigably to

the interests of the institution and is regarded as a man of keen and discriminating judgment in practical matters, his opinions being highly valued by his business associates. He has prospered in his affairs and is interested in a number of other enterprises, being treasurer of the Industrial Building & Loan Association of Alliance; a director of the Cleveland & Oconee Lumber Company, of Georgia; a director of the Stewart Brothers Paint Company of Alliance, and a director in other corporations.

On May 6, 1896, in Garfield, Ohio, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Windle, who was born in November, 1873, in Columbiana county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Milton and Emma (Pettit) Windle. Her father was a native of Columbiana county and died at Garfield, where for many years he had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and was also postmaster of that place. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the Union army and served throughout the Civil war. He gave his political support to the republican party. His father, Joseph Windle, was born in the east and died in Columbiana county, Ohio. Emma (Pettit) Windle, who was born in Columbiana county, and is still living in Damascus, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paris Pettit, of that county. Mrs. Atkinson was graduated from Damascus Academy and a business college at Salem, Ohio. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, Mount Union College Women's Club and is a director of the Alliance Women's Club, taking an active interest in local civic and social affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are the parents of three children. Earl W., born April 29, 1898, was educated in the Alliance public schools and is now engaged in the electrical business in Akron, Ohio. He married Miss Elsie Loe, of Chicago, Illinois. Marjorie A., born May 4, 1906, was graduated from the Alliance high school; attended Mount Union College, after which she entered Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, from which she was also graduated, and is now attending the Alliance Business College. R. Alton, born December 17, 1908, was graduated from the Alliance high school and is now a student at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Atkinson has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Alliance

Country Club and the Congress Lake Club. He has long belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president for eighteen months and is now a director, and is a director and treasurer of the Rotary Club. In 1878 he joined the Ohio National Guard, of which he was a member until after the Spanish-American war. He held a commission as captain for a number of years and at the time of his retirement from the service was captain of Company K at Alliance. During the World war he had charge of two Liberty Loan drives. As a diversion from business routine, Mr. Atkinson operates a stock farm of eighteen acres at the edge of the city, where he raises pure-bred horses and Guernsey cows. His life has been characterized by honorable purpose and worthy accomplishment, and he stands today as one of the solid and dependable men of his city and county, in the progress and welfare of which he has ever been interested, and he commands to a marked degree the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### HENRY D. BERCAW

Henry D. Bercaw is numbered among those whose success in life has been gained entirely through their own efforts, for from boyhood he worked his own way through school and college, since which time his advancement has been gained through loyal service and capability until today he holds the responsible position of manager of the Canton division of the Northern Ohio Power & Light Company. Mr. Bercaw was born at Arcanum, Darke county, Ohio, September 18, 1888, and is a son of James Alexander and Margaret (Davis) Bercaw. The Bercaw family, which has long been established in Ohio, is of French origin and was founded in this country during the Revolutionary war, in which conflict members of the family participated. James A. Bercaw was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 9, 1856, and was reared and educated there. In young manhood he moved to Darke county, where he resided until 1900, when he moved with his family to Anderson, Indiana, where his death occurred in 1914. In his boyhood he had learned the trade of harnessmaking, but later became identified with mercantile affairs. Politically he was a stalwart republican, while his religious faith was that of the United

Brethren church. His wife, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, July 10, 1866, was of Welsh descent, the founders of the Davis family in this country having settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In the early part of the nineteenth century a removal was made to Darke county, Ohio, where the family has been represented to the present time. Mrs. Bercaw died in 1922. To Mr. and Mrs. Bercaw were born two children, Henry D. and Walter N., the latter residing in Whiting, Indiana.

Henry D. Bercaw secured his early education in the public schools of Arcanum, Ohio, and was graduated from the high school at Anderson, Indiana, in 1907. He attended the Indiana Central Normal School, at Indianapolis, and spent one year at Indiana University, at Bloomington. He then entered Otterbein College, at Westerville, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1916. During these years of academic work, Mr. Bercaw had been teaching school, in order to defray his educational expenses. He taught four years, 1908 to 1911, in the township schools of Madison county, Indiana, and while in Otterbein College taught history in the Westerville high school and coached the athletic teams. After graduation he taught for two years in the high school at Anderson, Indiana, and in the fall of 1918 located in Akron, Ohio, where he became associated with the Northern Ohio Power & Light Company as claims agent. One year later he was transferred to Canton, where he served in the same capacity for the southern division until January 1, 1926, when he was made manager of the division and is still discharging the duties of that position. He is thorough and painstaking in whatever he undertakes, and commands the confidence of his superior officers as well as the respect of the men under him.

On September 9, 1912, in Anderson, Indiana, Mr. Bercaw was united in marriage to Miss Anne Morris, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of William R. and Sierra Nevada Morris. Mrs. Bercaw is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sorosis Club and the Canton Ladies Chorus and is active in the civic and social affairs of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Bercaw are the parents of two children, Betty Anne, born in Anderson, Indiana, November 13, 1918, and James Robert, born in Canton, August 10, 1923. The republican party claims Mr. Bercaw's political allegiance and he has shown a deep interest in the public affairs of his community, being at this time president

of the board of education, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Lions Club and a director of the Ohio District Lions Club. He belongs to the Brookside Country Club, the Canton Club, the University Club and the Torch Club, and he and his wife are active members of the United Brethren church, to which they give generous support. Mr. Bercaw is a man of strong executive ability and sound judgment in practical affairs and since coming to Canton has gained a high place in public esteem.

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### ORRIN JOSEPH FIELDING

Orrin J. Fielding is president and manager of the Fielding Motor Service Company, one of the leading concerns of its kind in Canton, which has gained a high place in public favor because of the prompt and efficient service which it renders. Mr. Fielding was born in Canton October 24, 1889, and is a son of William Wallace and Mary M. (Henry) Fielding. The father died November 24, 1921, and the mother now lives at 1106 Lawrence road northeast, Canton. Mr. Fielding's paternal grandfather was a native of England and his maternal grandfather, Heinrich Henry, was a native of Germany. Several of his uncles served in the Union Army during the Civil war.

Orrin J. Fielding secured a public school education, attending the Woodland, West North and Cherry schools, and in 1904 started to learn the automobile repairing business under A. H. Wilson, working after school hours and on Saturdays for about a year, after which he continued full time with Mr. Wilson until 1909. He was then with A. E. Mitzel for about a year, and in 1910 he established the Standard Motor Car Company, owned by Fielding & Mullaly, and engaged in selling new cars and repairing old ones. This business was carried on until 1920, when Mr. Fielding sold his interest in the company to Ed Lung, and became connected with aviation interests, which he followed for a few months. He then became one of the organizers of the Taylor-Fielding Company, operating a five-car garage on Seventh street for about a year and a half, when the business was moved to 918 McKinley avenue southwest. Soon afterwards he purchased his partner's interest in the

business and, on January 1, 1924, took his brother Ray into partnership. In the following month they incorporated under the name of the Fielding Motor Car Service, of which Orrin J. Fielding is president, treasurer and general manager and Ray Fielding is secretary. Their service comprises everything which can be done for an automobile, including towing and electrical work, and they take pride in giving the very highest type of service.

On November 30, 1910, at Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Fielding was united in marriage to Miss Fern Turnbull, who was born in Canton, April 1, 1891, and is a daughter of Arthur R. and Ella (Oliver) Turnbull, the former born in England and the latter in Canton.

Mr. Turnbull is one of the best known citizens of Canton, having served four terms as mayor of this city, and he is a thirty-third degree Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding are the parents of two children, Phyllis Berdeen, born July 1, 1913, now attending the Lincoln high school, and Arthur Orrin, born January 3, 1923. Mr. Fielding is a strong supporter of the democratic party and takes a helpful interest in the welfare and progress of his community. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is extremely popular in the circles in which he moves, being cordial and affable in his social relations, while his business methods are in accordance with the highest ethics.

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### STANLEY E. HEDGES

In the field of business education Stanley E. Hedges is a prominent figure and, as vice president and treasurer of the Canton Actual Business College, is performing effective service in the interest of young men and women who desire to fit themselves for business careers. Mr. Hedges was born in Granite, Montana, September 4, 1887, and is the only child of Frank and Sarah (Lowry) Hedges, who were natives of Fairfield county, Ohio. The father having died from the effects of an accident when Mr. Hedges was still a child, the mother and son returned to Clearport, in Fairfield county, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1905 they moved to the city of Lancaster, where the mother remained until 1917, when she came to Canton to be with her son, with whom she now resides.

After completing his education in the public schools, Stanley E. Hedges attended Ohio University for one year. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching public school in the vicinity of the State Boys Industrial School near Lancaster. Having thus spent three years, he determined to secure a thorough business education, to which end he attended a business college in Columbus and completed his course in the Bliss-Alger Business College in Saginaw, Michigan. He then became an instructor in the Bliss Business College, at Columbus, later also teaching in the Bliss-Alger Business College at Saginaw, and the Parsons Business College, at Parsons, Kansas. In 1911 Mr. Hedges came to Canton and entered the Canton Actual Business College as an instructor, in which capacity he was engaged until 1921, when he became an executive officer of the school and has since filled the position of vice president and treasurer. A man of sound judgment, intensely practical in his ideas and methods and with a genuine love for his work, he has been an important factor in the splendid success which the college enjoys and is deservedly popular with both faculty and student body. The Canton Actual Business College was organized in 1897 by J. J. Krider. In 1876 there was an institution called the Canton Business College, and another branch was established in 1893 called the Actual Business College, and it was in 1897 that the two were combined. The school occupies the entire fourth floor of the New Vicary building, which was especially designed for the school when the building was constructed. The class rooms are partitioned off by glass and are well ventilated and lighted. Each branch of instruction is conducted in a separate department. There is a corps of teachers, each of whom is a specialist in his particular line. The Canton Actual Business College specializes in intensive business training courses which may be completed by the average student in six to fifteen months, according to the course taken. Following graduation it is the policy of the college to place the students in worthwhile positions. It also maintains a free employment department for its graduates and services are free to alumni. Records of students' work are kept on file and high standing scholastically and personality are the only requisites which the management requires for aiding a student in securing a position. Without question the Canton Actual Business College offers everything to be desired in a well-appointed and thorough-going business college, besides many features of great value which

belong distinctly to this institution and which cannot be found elsewhere in this section of the country.

On June 30, 1920, Mr. Hedges was united in marriage to Miss Irma Steel, who is a daughter of John W. and Jennie (Spear) Steel, the former now deceased. Mrs. Hedges is descended from old Pennsylvania stock and her family has long been well known in Canton, her father having been prominently identified with the steel industry and extensively engaged in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges are the parents of a daughter, Miriam Jane, who was born June 3, 1922. Mr. Hedges is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., the Rotary Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Hedges is a man of strong character and agreeable personality, possesses high ideals and a keen sense of duty and his labors have been of a constructive character that have been beneficial to all who have been associated with him, so that his worth to his community is generally acknowledged by all who know him.

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#### HOMER V. WEAVER, M. D.

Among the younger physicians of Canton who have become firmly established in the confidence of the public stands Dr. Homer V. Weaver, who enjoys a well merited reputation as a reliable and competent specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and is building up a large and remunerative practice. Dr. Weaver was born in Alliance, Stark county, Ohio, on the 17th of August, 1896, and is a son of Lindley Lincoln and Maude D. (Miller) Weaver. His paternal grandfather, James H. Weaver, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio prior to the Civil war and settled at Kensington. He was one of the organizers of the State Grange, also engaged in agricultural pursuits and was an ordained minister of the Disciple church. He is now living at East Liverpool, Ohio, at the age of eighty-eight years. He is a staunch republican in his political views and was an intimate friend of President McKinley. His son, Lindley L. Weaver, was for thirty years a teacher of penmanship and drawing in the Alliance public schools and is now secretary of the Alliance Building &

Savings Company. An active supporter of the republican party, he has served as a member of the city council and is now a member of the city board of education. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church of Alliance, of which he has been an elder for twenty years, and has also served for the same length of time as superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife is a daughter of Rev. Henry Barker and Della (Schneider) Miller, and is of German descent, her grandfather Miller having been a native of the fatherland. Her mother was a first cousin of the late Adam Wagnalls, the publisher. Henry B. Miller, who is still living, at the age of eighty-seven years, is a minister of the Presbyterian church and has held many important pastorates in the cities of Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Weaver were born three children: Dr. Harry L., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Alliance; Homer V.; and Ruth Naomi, who is a teacher in the Alliance high school.

Homer V. Weaver received his elementary education in the public schools of Alliance, was graduated from high school in 1915, and then entered Mt. Union College, which conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. During the World war he enlisted and served one year at Base Hospital, No. 113, at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He then matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1923. During the following year he served as interne in the Cleveland City hospital, and in 1924 took his Master's degree, and also did post-graduate work at the University Hospital, at Iowa City, Iowa. He spent a year in the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, and in July, 1926, came to Canton, where he has since engaged in the practice of his profession. He is on the staff of Mercy hospital.

On June 30, 1926, in Cleveland, Dr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Helen Perner, who was born in that city and is a daughter of Frederick Emil and Annie (Heuser) Perner, who are natives of Germany, the father born in Saxony and the mother in Baden-Baden. Mrs. Perner came to this country when eighteen years of age and settled in Cleveland, where she met Mr. Perner, who is an employee of the New York Central Railroad. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of a son, James Frederick, who was born in Alliance, Ohio, June 10, 1927. The Doctor is a member of the Canton Medical Library Association, the Stark County

Medical Society, to which he is a contributor, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with Conrad Lodge, N. 171, F. & A. M., at Alliance, and he is a member of the Optimist Club, international, while his religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church. A man of thorough education and high attainments in his profession, possessing a cordial and friendly manner, he has won a high place in the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the medical circles of his community.

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### WILLIAM LINCOLN HART

No member of the Stark county bar stands higher in his profession than does William L. Hart, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Alliance continuously for over thirty years, during which period he has enjoyed not only a large and lucrative practice but also a standing as one of the ablest and most influential citizens of his community. Mr. Hart is the scion of a long line of American ancestors, the progenitor of the family in this country having been Deacon Stephen Hart, who came from England to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1632. He was the father of John Hart, who was born in England in 1630. The latter married Sarah ————— and on December 15, 1666, he was burned to death with all the members of his family excepting a son, John, who was eleven years old and was away from home at the time. John was born at Farmington, Connecticut, in 1655, and died at that place, November 11, 1714. He was a captain in the colonial troops during Queen Ann's war in 1702. He married Miss Mary Moore, who died at Farmington, September 19, 1738. Captain John and Mary Hart were the parents of John III, who was born at Farmington in 1684 and died there, October 7, 1753. He was an attorney, served as judge, and was twenty-three times elected to the general court of Connecticut. He married Miss Esther Gridley, who died at Farmington, July 10, 1743. Among their children was John IV, who was born in Kensington, Connecticut, October 11, 1714, and died at that place, December 18, 1772. He was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Huldah Gould, who was born in Kensington and died there, January 17, 1771. They were



*William L. Hart.*



the parents of Silas Hart, who was born at Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, May 19, 1760, and died at Palmyra, New York, August 6, 1828. He also engaged in farming. He was married to Miss Philae Swift, who was born in Connecticut, August 1, 1767, and died in Palmyra, New York, January 12, 1813. She was a direct descendent in the seventh generation from Richard Warren, a passenger on the "Mayflower." Silas and Philae Hart were the parents of John Swift Hart, who was born at Palmyra, New York, March 11, 1793, devoted his life to farming, and died at Salineville, Ohio, November 1, 1863. He was a veteran of the war of 1812, was a republican in his political affiliation and was a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Miss Prudence Clark, who was born at Redstone, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1803, and died at Wellsville, Ohio, March 24, 1877. In their family were seventeen children, of whom the fifteenth in order of birth was Benjamin F., who was born on his father's farm near Salineville, Ohio, September 17, 1843, and died in Columbiana county, Ohio, November 8, 1904. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and was a man of prominence in his community. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Twenty-sixth Ohio Battery, and also had six brothers in the Union army. He supported the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a trustee. He was married March 1, 1866, to Miss Ariel S. Dreghorn, who was born near Salineville, Ohio, August 31, 1844, and died at Lisbon, Ohio, November 30, 1922. She was a daughter of John and Ariel (Grafton) Dreghorn, the former of whom was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, and died at Elmore, Ohio, in 1889. In his early life he followed farming. He was an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, but during the last twenty years of his life represented the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, of Ottawa, Ohio. He gave his political support to the republican party. His wife was born near Salineville, Columbiana county, Ohio, and died there.

William Lincoln Hart, son of Benjamin F. and Ariel (Dreghorn) Hart, was born in Inverness, a Scottish village near Salineville, Ohio, February 5, 1867. He attended the public schools and then entered Mount Union College, at Alliance, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893. He studied law at the University of Michigan and was graduated with

the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897, being admitted to the bar June 10 of that year. In 1885, when eighteen years old, he had begun teaching in the district schools and continued to follow that occupation during the winters until 1893. For two and a half years he was city editor or special writer on the Alliance Daily Critic, which was later the Alliance Leader and is now the Alliance Daily Review. On October 1, 1897, Mr. Hart opened a law office in Alliance and in March of the following year he formed a partnership with Dennis E. Rogers under the firm name of Rogers & Hart, which continued until the death of the senior member of the firm January 15, 1903. Mr. Hart then became associated with Hugo C. Koehler under the style of Hart & Koehler, a relationship which has continued to the present time. Their offices are in the Alliance First National Bank building. Highly trained in his profession, a close and constant student, a clear-visioned counselor and wise adviser, and an able and resourceful trial lawyer, Mr. Hart is regarded as the peer of any of his contemporaries and has always commanded not only the respect of his colleagues but also the confidence of his fellowmen, for he is a man of high ideals which have not been marred by any inconsistency of conduct.

On September 15, 1897, in Alliance, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bithia Caskey, who was born in Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, September 4, 1870, and is a daughter of Nathan and Bithia (Hendrix) Caskey. Mr. and Mrs. Hart became the parents of three children, namely: Ian Bruce, who was born December 28, 1899, and is represented elsewhere in this work; Ruth Ann, who was born June 15, 1906, and died June 16, 1906; and William L., Jr., born January 11, 1910.

Mr. Hart has always been an active supporter of the republican party and for the past fifteen years has served as a member of the county republican executive committee. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and in the Sunday school he has been teacher of the Business Men's Bible class for the past eighteen years. He has served for sixteen years as a trustee of Mount Union College and for the past eleven years has been a member of its faculty as a lecturer on international relations. He is a member of the Stark County Bar Association; the Ohio State Bar Association, of which he was president from July, 1923, to July, 1924, prior to which he had been a member of the executive committee for ten years; the American Bar

Association; and the American Society of International Law. He has done considerable law magazine work and is widely known as an authority in his profession. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Lone Rock Lodge, No. 23, K. P.; the Alliance Rotary Club, the Wranglers Club, the Alliance Country Club, the Congress Lake Country Club, the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendents and the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. He also belongs to Camp McClelland of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil war. He was formerly a member of the Ohio National Guard and during the World war he did much effective work, speaking throughout the state in the interest of the Liberty Loan drives. Mr. Hart is a member of the board of directors of the Peoples Bank of Alliance. He has always devoted his efforts and influence to the support of all measures for the advancement of the material, civic and moral interests of his community and is regarded as one of its most useful and dependable citizens. His name appears in Who's Who in America.

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#### MRS. IDA BITHIA (CASKEY) HART

Honored and respected by all, no woman in Alliance occupies a more enviable position in the circles in which she moves than does Ida Bithia Hart, who has long been an active figure in local club, civic and social affairs, and whose tactful manner and gracious qualities of character have endeared her to all who know her.

Mrs. Hart was born near Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, on the 4th of September, 1870, and is a daughter of Nathan J. and Bithia Ann (Hendrix) Caskey. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph and Christina (Shaw) Caskey, the former of whom was born in Carroll county, Ohio, May 1, 1809, followed farming throughout his life, and died in Carroll county, March 1, 1898. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Carroll county, March 27, 1810, and died there, September 25, 1886. She was a daughter of Josiah Shaw, whose father, Nathan Shaw, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, serving in 1776 as ensign and lieutenant in

Captain Jonathan Smith's Company, First Battalion, Cumberland county (New Jersey) Militia, with which he took part in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. He was born prior to 1740 and died in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1820.

Nathan J. Caskey was born near Augusta, Ohio, October 26, 1836, and died at Alliance, Ohio, March 18, 1889. During his active life he was a farmer and school teacher but retired some time prior to his death. He was a veteran of the Civil war, throughout which he served in the Union army. He supported the republican party and was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church. Bithia Ann (Hendrix) Caskey was born near Augusta, Ohio, August 3, 1842, and died in Alliance, October 12, 1920. She was a daughter of Jesse and Mary Ann (Warren) Hendrix, the former of whom was born in York county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1816, and died in Alliance, Ohio, March 17, 1898. Mr. Hendrix was a shoemaker by vocation, gave his political support to the democratic party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born near Augusta, Ohio, March 2, 1815, and died in Alliance, May 24, 1894. Jesse Hendrix was a son of Joseph and Bithia (Marshall) Hendrix, the former of whom was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1779, and died in Meigs county, Ohio, March 13, 1864, while the latter was born in April, 1785, and died in Meigs county, December 30, 1857. Joseph Hendrix was a son of Isaac Hendrix, of York county, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Hart attended the public schools and completed her education in Mount Union College at Alliance. On September 15, 1897, at Alliance, she became the wife of William Lincoln Hart, a prominent attorney of that city, whose sketch precedes this. They became the parents of three children, namely: Ian Bruce, born December 28, 1899, now practicing law in Canton, Ohio; Ruth Ann, who was born June 15, 1906, and died June 16, 1906; and William L., Jr., born January 11, 1910.

Mrs. Hart is a member of the First Methodist Church of Alliance and belongs to the various organizations of the church. She is a member of Jane Bane Chapter, D. A. R., of Alliance, of which she is regent; 296 Chapter, O. E. S., of which she is a past worthy matron; the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War; is patroness of Alpha Xi Delta sorority of Mount Union College and belongs to the Mount Union College Women's Club and the Tennysonian

Literary Club, as well as the Washington Chapter, No. 16, White Shrine of Jerusalem at Canton. She gives her support to the republican party and during the World war devoted much of her time to Red Cross work, as she has since to worthy benevolent and charitable causes in her community. Kindly and generous by nature, she possesses to a marked degree those qualities of character which make for friendship and throughout the range of her acquaintance she enjoys a well merited popularity, while among her more intimate associates she is held in the highest esteem.

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### CANTON ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

One of the leading business educational institutions of north-eastern Ohio is the Canton Actual Business College, which for more than a half century has prepared men and women for business careers, many of whom are now numbered among the most successful people in the commercial and industrial world. The history of this well known school goes back to 1876, when William Feller established the Canton Business College. In 1893 a similar institution was established under the name of the Actual Business College, and in 1897, through the efforts of J. J. Krider, the two schools were combined, under the name of the Canton Actual Business College, which title it has borne to the present time. At the time of consolidation the college was located in the building now occupied by the Moose Club on West Tuscarawas street, but it quickly outgrew those quarters and in July, 1900, was moved to the Martin building, where it remained until 1916, when it was moved to its present location in the New Vicary building at 428 Market avenue north, where it occupies the entire fourth floor, which was designed especially for the use of the school. The classrooms, which are separated by glass partitions, are well arranged, are light and well ventilated, and the work is carried on under the best conditions. The school maintains a corps of well trained and efficient instructors, each one being a specialist in his or her line of work. J. J. Krider, who is president of the company, has been identified with the college continuously for over thirty years and now acts mainly in an advisory capacity, the active management

being in the hands of J. E. Bowman and Stanley E. Hedges, the former as secretary and the latter as vice president and treasurer.

The Canton Actual Business College has trained thousands of young men and women for positions as secretaries, stenographers, accountants, bookkeepers, typists and office assistants, drawing its students from a wide radius of territory. The school specializes in intensive business training courses, the studies offered including shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, accounting, spelling, penmanship and business administration, which subjects are supplemented by practical training on various office machines and appliances. The school maintains a free employment department for its graduates, accurate records, showing the qualifications of each student, being constantly on file, while recommendations are based on the applicant's character and dependability, as well as ability to do the work required. The value of this system is enhanced by the fact that almost every day the school is asked to recommend young men and women for positions which pay good salaries and which offer splendid opportunities for advancement. The Canton Actual Business College is a member of the National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools, which in itself is a high endorsement, for only schools of proven merit are admitted to that association. The school has been of direct benefit to the city of Canton, for many of its students come from outside localities and many of them are placed in positions here after their graduation and become permanent residents of this city.

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### RALPH BENSON

Ralph Benson, a lifelong resident of Canton, has been active in the fraternal circles of this city for many years and is now rendering efficient service as secretary and building manager for the Loyal Order of Moose. Born in Canton on the 28th of January, 1888, he is a son of Louis and Mary E. (Reinhardt) Benson, the former born in Sweden in 1852 and the latter a native of Canal Fulton, Stark county, Ohio. Louis Benson attended the public schools of his native land to the age of twelve years, when he came to the United States. Locating in Canton, he went to work for Peter Chance, one of the well known pioneers of this locality, and

later ran a stationary engine for the Captain Williams Brick Company. In 1902 he went to work in the same capacity for the Canton Steel Foundry Company, with which he remained until 1912, when he engaged in teaming contracting, which he followed for five years with success. From 1917 to 1925 he was connected with the East Akron plant of the Ohio Northern Traction Company, and then retired from active pursuits. At Canal Fulton, Ohio, he married Miss Mary E. Reinhardt, who is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Reinhardt, both of whom were natives of Germany and lived on a farm at Canal Fulton.

Ralph Benson received his educational training in the grade and high schools of Canton and then learned a trade with the Novelty Cutlery Company at Canton. He was next employed by the United States Express Company, first in the capacity of clerk and later as cashier, thus serving eight years. He then went to the Troy Laundry Company of Canton as foreman and claim man, remaining with that concern for eight years, and in 1922 was elected secretary and building manager for the Canton Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. This is a position of large responsibility and a variety of duties, but Mr. Benson has rendered a service that has gained for him the high commendation of the members of the lodge.

On March 8, 1909, in Canton, Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. Skelley, who was born at Paris, Stark county, Ohio, and is a daughter of John W. and Buena (Young) Skelley, the former born in Paris, Ohio, and the latter in East Liverpool, Ohio. They were married at Paris and there Mr. Skelley was engaged in farming to the time of his death, and his widow is now residing at 1614 Third street northeast, Canton. Mrs. Benson is a member of the Woman's Mooseheart Legion and of Nazir Caldron, the ladies' branch of the Grotto. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are the parents of four children: Ralph Louis, born June 2, 1912; Dorothy Marie, October 10, 1915; Catherine Elenore, August 2, 1923, and Paul Frederick, July 20, 1925. Ralph L. is a sophomore in the McKinley high school and Dorothy M. is an eighth grade pupil. Mr. Benson has always given his political support to the republican party and is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Lodge, No. 233, L. O. O. M.; Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P.; Nazir Grotto, and the Kiwanis Club. He and his wife are members of the First Christian church. Mr. Benson stands for

all those forces which make for good citizenship and for social and moral advancement and his integrity, high character and excellent personal qualities have gained for him an enviable place in the confidence and regard of his fellowmen.

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### ENSIGN JOHN RAMSEY

Ensign John Ramsey, the efficient general superintendent of the Alliance Structural Company, who has had long experience in large industrial plants and is in every way well qualified for the responsible position which he is so ably filling, is a native of Ohio, having been born at Canfield, Mahoning county, on the 4th of December, 1867, a son of James P. and Rebecca (Weaver) Ramsey. He is descended from old New England stock, his paternal grandparents, James and Abigail (Synott) Ramsey, having been natives of Connecticut. On coming to Ohio, they settled at Canfield, where the father built a log cabin from the forest timber in the midst of which he had located, and there devoted the remainder of his life to farming. He developed a good farm and there he and his wife died, and were buried at Canfield. James P. Ramsey was born on the homestead, June 26, 1827, and devoted his efforts to farming and carpentering to the time of his retirement, his death occurring December 24, 1914. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served three years, and was wounded in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. He gave his political support to the democratic party. His wife was born near Canfield, Ohio, and died on the Ramsey farm in 1895. She was a daughter of Daniel Weaver, who went from Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, to Canfield about 1820, there followed farming, and died at Canfield in 1876.

In the district schools near Canfield Ensign J. Ramsey secured his elementary education, which he supplemented by several technical courses with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, thus being largely self educated. He devoted his early years to farming, was afterward with the Morris Bridge Works at Youngstown, Ohio, for nine months, and for a short time was with the Andrew Rolling Mill in that city. Then he went to Cleveland, where for ten years he was in the employ of the

Brown Hoist Machine Company, first as a helper and during the last five years as foreman. He went from there to Collinwood, Ohio, where he built the plant for the Browning Engineering Company and later served as manager for two years. He next was foreman for the Wellman-Sever-Morgan Company, at Cleveland, for four and a half years, after which he went to Toledo, Ohio, as general superintendent for the Toledo Bridge & Crane Company. He was there five years and then went to Mansfield, Ohio, where for six months he served as general manager for the Browning Steam Shovel Company. On leaving that concern, he became general superintendent of road jobs for the Central Dredging Company of Cleveland, which position he filled for six months, when he went to Massillon as superintendent for the Massillon Bridge & Structural Company. After filling that position for two and a half years, in October, 1915, he accepted his present place as general superintendent of the Alliance Structural Company. Mr. Ramsey is also interested in the McCaskey Register Company, the Alliance Steel Products Company, and the Canton Mortgage & Loan Company.

Mr. Ramsey married Miss Josephine Fay, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of Dennis and Margaret (Clancy) Fay. Her death occurred in that city and, on October 15, 1900, Mr. Ramsey married Mrs. Elizabeth (Deegan) Sandhoff, widow of the late William Sandhoff. She was born May 25, 1872, and is a daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Fox) Deegan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and died in Cleveland, where Mr. Deegan had long been in the employ of the Big Four Railroad. He was a democrat in politics and he and his wife were earnest members of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Ramsey graduated from St. Patrick's parochial school in Cleveland and is a member of St. Joseph's church in Alliance. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are the parents of three children: Margaret C., born November 4, 1898, is the wife of Conrad Swoboda, who is connected with the McCaskey Register Company of Alliance, and they have two children, Dorothy May, born May 20, 1923, and Ruth Ann, born April 13, 1926; Muriel Marie, born October 23, 1904, is the wife of Martin Harbaugh, an automobile mechanic in Alliance, and they have a daughter, Hazel Ruth, born in February, 1928; and Vernon Eugene was born February 20, 1916. In his political attitude Mr. Ramsey is independent, voting according to the dictates of his

judgment. During the World war he had charge of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives in the shops of his company and gave earnest support to every local war activity. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, is a man of high principles and has so ordered his course as to win the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM E. ESHELMAN, SR.

William E. Eshelman, Sr., owner of the Canton Wet Wash Laundry and Towel Supply, is a man of marked initiative ability, who has kept fully abreast with the times in the equipment and operation of his plant, and his present prosperity is a well merited testimonial to his energetic and progressive business methods.

Mr. Eshelman was born in Dowlingville, now known as Baxter, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of December, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Hannah (Haig) Eshelman. His father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, being a son of one of three brothers who emigrated to this country from Holland, the other two settling in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. During his active life he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and was also in the hotel business in Clarion and Jefferson counties, that state. His death occurred in Jefferson county when past seventy-five years of age. His wife, who was of English extraction, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Her forebears had been millers and weavers in England and established the first weaving looms in Westmoreland county. She died when seventy-seven years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman were born nine children, five sons and four daughters.

William E. Eshelman, the eighth in order of birth, was educated in the public schools and an academy in his native county, and when seventeen years of age began teaching school, a profession which he followed for thirteen years. He was graduated from the Brookville Commercial College at Brookville, Jefferson county. After teaching in the Reynoldsville schools for four terms, he was called to the local editorship of the DuBois Express of Pennsylvania, which position he held until a call was received from the Colonel Soule Business College of New Orleans, where he taught



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his last year of school. On returning home in the fall he was married and, in partnership with a brother-in-law, W. H. Lucas, engaged in general merchandising in Clarrington, Forest county, Pennsylvania. Two years later they sold the store and Mr. Eshelman opened a restaurant in Clarion, Pennsylvania, which he conducted for four years and then sold advantageously, going to Knox, Pennsylvania, where he conducted the Eshelman Hotel. Later he sold that place and located in Sharon, Pennsylvania, where for eight years he was successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Then, disposing of his interest in the business to his former associate, C. N. Shilling, he went to Florida, where for two years he was in the land and real estate business. About that time the laundry business was making rapid strides through the introduction of improved machinery, and, after a thorough investigation, Mr. Eshelman decided to enter that field. He had long entertained a favorable opinion of Canton and in the fall of 1913 came here and established the first modern laundry of this kind in this city. He began on a comparatively modest scale, with eight employes, but success attended his efforts and during the subsequent years he has made steady and substantial progress, so that he now has seventy-five employes and occupies a plant one hundred by two hundred feet, while thirteen motor trucks are required for the collection and delivery of goods. All of the machinery in his plant is of the most modern and improved type, and recently he has installed a complete dry cleaning department, up-to-date in every respect. His motto is not how cheap but how good, and he follows this motto in every department. Mr. Eshelman is being ably assisted by his two sons, William E., Jr., and Thomas A. He has been a director of the Canton Bank & Trust Company since its organization.

On October 12, 1892, in Corsica, Pennsylvania, Mr. Eshelman was united in marriage to Miss Maude M. Cale, who was born in Brookville, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Samuel and Isabella (Wyncoope) Cale, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman have been born the following children: William Elmer, Jr.; Norman Templeton, who died at the age of sixteen years; Thomas Austin; and Grace T.

Politically, Mr. Eshelman is nominally a democrat but at local elections maintains an independent attitude. He has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites in Masonry and is a

Noble of the Mystic Shrine; and a member of the Nazir Grotto. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Kiwanis Club, of which he was president in 1920; the Lakeside Shrine Club; the Orchard Hill Country Club, of which he is president; and the Chambers of Commerce of Canton and Massillon. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church but now attends the Church of Christ, Scientist. Mr. Eshelman is very fond of traveling and has visited every state in the Union with the exception of three of the New England states, as well as Alaska. He is a man of splendid personal qualities, is honorable in his business methods and cordial and friendly in his social relations, so that throughout the community in which he lives he commands uniform confidence and respect.

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### JOHN L. ARNOLD

John L. Arnold was born in Rhine, Bavaria, Germany, April 26, 1865, and is the son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Arnold, both deceased. He attended the public schools and preparatory school, and also the Technical Industrial College, and was apprenticed to the trade of designing and making furniture.

In the fall of 1882 he came to America, arriving in Cincinnati, where he remained for a short time, then going to Canal Dover, where he held a position in a furniture factory. From Canal Dover Mr. Arnold went to Zanesville, Ohio, where he and Mr. Worm organized the retail furniture business of Worm & Arnold. In 1888 Mr. Arnold came to Canton, Ohio, where he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment owned by the Shearer Brothers. In 1899, with H. D. McCrea, he organized the Canton Home Furnishing Company. In 1911 Mr. Arnold sold his interest in the furniture business and established the business of J. L. Arnold & Sons Company, funeral directors and embalmers. Mr. Arnold is one of the organizers of the Citizens Building and Loan Company, and is a member of the board of directors of this institution.

Mr. Arnold served on the Ohio State Board of Embalming Examiners, having received the appointment to fill the office by three

governors; the last appointment coming from Governor Cox. Mr. Arnold served as president and also as secretary of the board.

His interest in the public welfare is well known. He takes great pride in the progress of his city, and has aided in its advancement. At one time he served as a member of the city board of health. He was one of the organizers of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which is an outgrowth of the old Canton Board of Trade. He served as a director on the Canton Board of Trade for three years.

Mr. Arnold was married at New Philadelphia, Ohio, April 6, 1887, to Miss Flora P. Gintz, who was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, four sons and one daughter—Eugene J., Carl P., Herman A., Franklin J., and Hilda F. The two sons, Carl P. and Herman A., are associated with their father in business.

Mr. Arnold is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Canton Club, and Congress Lake Country Club. He is also associated with the German and Swiss Singing Societies. Mr. Arnold is a member of the First Reformed church.

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### FRED W. WITTER

No citizen of Canton has left his impress on the civic affairs of the community to a greater degree than has Fred W. Witter, whose activities over a long period have been of a character that has contributed in very definite measure to the advancement of the public welfare. He is also prominent in business affairs as treasurer and general manager of The Reserve Printing Company, one of the long established and successful business concerns of Canton, and he is regarded as one of the city's most useful and influential residents.

Mr. Witter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 29th of December, 1869, and is a son of Frederick W. and Elizabeth (Holzapfle) Witter, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father having been born in Badsachsa and the mother in Lauderberg.

They were reared and married in their native land, and in 1865, with their one child, came to the United States. They first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they resided until June, 1871, when they came to Canton with the Diebold Safe and Lock Company of which the father was an employe and with which he continued during the remainder of his active life. He was a democrat in his political affiliation and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, highly respected throughout the community. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom three are living: Minnie, the wife of Lorenz Liebig, of Canton; Herman R. and Fred W.

Having attended the public schools of Canton to the age of twelve years, Fred W. Witter started to earn his own livelihood, going to work for the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, in whose employ he remained for eight years. In 1888 he went to work in the engraving department of the Dueber-Hampden Watch Company, being employed there as a skilled artisan for twenty years, when on the death of his brother, Charles A. Witter, who was one of the partners and manager of the Reserve Printing Company, Mr. Witter took charge of that business, with which he has remained actively identified. He is a man of sound business judgment, progressive and enterprising in his ideas and methods, and has prospered in his material affairs.

On February 4, 1891, in Canton, Mr. Witter was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice Anderson, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Reuben and Anna Anderson, her family having been well known and high esteemed throughout the community. Mrs. Witter has taken a deep interest in the religious and civic affairs of Canton and is a past president of the Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran church, a member of "Sorosis" and of the League of Women Voters. Mr. and Mrs. Witter have two children: Laura, who is the wife of Harry C. Frank, an architect of Akron, Ohio, and has a daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and Anna M., who became the wife of Newton D. Brake of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Witter is a democrat and has given his party his active support. Fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P.; Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E.; Canton Aerie, No. 141, F. O. E., and Canton Lodge, No. 233, L. O. O. M. He is an active member of Trinity Lutheran church and gives his

earnest support to worthy benevolent and charitable causes. He has long been active in the Kiwanis Club, of which he was president in 1924, served three years as secretary, and on January 13, 1928, was installed as lieutenant governor of the sixth Ohio district of Kiwanis clubs, the event being held at the Hotel Winton in Cleveland. He was also a member of the national publicity committee of Kiwanis International during the year 1928 and has been an effective worker in national, state and local bodies. On the organization of the Ohio state blind commission, Mr. Witter was made secretary of that body, in which capacity he rendered effective service. He was appointed a member of the first park and playground commission of Canton, and was the first president of that board, holding the office for three years, and also served on the Stark county election board for four years, resigning that position to accept a membership on the Stark county liquor licensing board, to which he was appointed by Governor James M. Cox and in which capacity he served six years, or during the life of the law under which he was appointed. He was the first president of the Canton recreation commission, to which body he was appointed by Mayor Swartz in 1927 for a five-year term, and has served as a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Every measure relating to the progress and development of Canton has found in him an earnest and effective supporter and he has been consistently loyal to the community's best interests. He has led an active and useful life and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he has been the architect of his own fortune, and his present prosperity and high standing in the community are the legitimate outcome of his persistency of purpose, his undaunted energy and his adherence to right principles.

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#### MISS ELIZABETH FRYBERGER

One of the most highly esteemed residents of Canton is Miss Elizabeth Fryberger, who for the past eighteen years has been rendering efficient and appreciated service as supreme secretary of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, in which capacity she is the active executive officer of the organization. Miss Fryberger was

born at Louisville, Stark county, Ohio, March 23, 1870, and is a daughter of John Jacob and Mary (Nice) Fryberger, the former born at Middle Branch, Stark county, and the latter at Baltimore, Maryland. Both are now deceased. In the paternal line Miss Fryberger is the scion of Pennsylvania German stock, while her maternal grandfather was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. She has two brothers and three sisters, all born in Louisville, this county, namely: John, who lives in Middle Branch, Ohio; George, who resides on the East Canton road; and Mrs. Eliza Crist, Mrs. Frances Warner and Mrs. Emily Rank, all of whom live in Canton.

Miss Fryberger secured her early education in the parochial school at Louisville, and attended the Louisville high school until 1886, when she entered the employ of Miss Hannah Conrad as a clerk, remaining with her about one year. Later she was with the Boyle Optical Company, in Canton, for one year, and then began auditing the books of the various councils of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia throughout the state of Ohio. So satisfactory was her work that in August, 1910, at the convention of the order held in Canton, she was elected supreme secretary, and by successive reelections has been retained in that position continuously since, and maintains her office at 306 Seventh street southwest. The order of Catholic Ladies of Columbia was founded in 1896 by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawless at Toledo, Ohio. Council No. 1 was instituted at Toledo and Council No. 2 at Hamilton, Ohio, after which the organization was incorporated as a beneficial order, covering life insurance and sick benefits, all of which are handled and paid from the Canton office. The order has had a very successful record, having enjoyed a steady and substantial growth, and has done a vast amount of good during the years of its existence. It has been proposed to add a twenty-payment life certificate and a juvenile department to the risk line now carried, and this proposition will be taken up at the next annual meeting of the order. Miss Fryberger is nominally a democrat in her political sympathies, but is not a believer in woman suffrage, therefore takes no active part in political affairs. She is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church in Canton, belonging also to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of St. John and the Altar Society of St. John's church. She is a woman of splendid character, forceful personality and gracious and tactful manner, possesses distinctive business ability, and has handled the affairs of the Catholic Ladies

of Columbia in a manner that won for her the confidence and respect of all who have come into contact with her, while throughout the community in which she lives she is held in the highest esteem and has a large circle of warm and devoted friends.

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### JAMES SHARP WILSON, JR., M. D.

Dr. James Sharp Wilson, of Canton, has, as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, gained distinction in the medical circles of Stark county and is numbered among the community's most highly respected citizens. Born in Beaver, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of June, 1894, he is a son of James Sharp and Sarah Ida (Hazen) Wilson. The family, which has long been established in western Pennsylvania, is of English origin, and was founded in this country prior to the war of the Revolution, in which conflict members of the family had an active part. James Sharp Wilson, Sr., was born and reared in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, secured a good education, and has devoted his active life to the practice of law. He served as district judge at Beaver for ten years—1895 to 1905—and is now engaged in corporation law practice, in which he is very successful. He is a republican in his political affiliation and is a member of the Presbyterian church. The Hazen family originally came from Holland and was established in Pennsylvania in a very early day. To James Sharp and Sarah Ida Wilson were born four children: John Howard, a resident of Youngstown, Ohio; James Sharp, Jr., of this review; Hugh Hazen, of Beaver, Pennsylvania; and Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Shirley N. Krotzer, of Beaver.

James Sharp Wilson, Jr., attended the public schools of Beaver, graduating from high school in 1912, after which he was a student in Geneva College and Pennsylvania State College. He then matriculated in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1918. He served one year as interne in the Allegheny General Hospital at Pittsburgh and for one year as an assistant physician on the medical staff of that institution, after which he took post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In December, 1920, Dr. Wilson located in Canton.

On October 12, 1920, in Canton, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Louise McLain, who is a native of Canton and a daughter of P. L. and Anne (Fast) McLain, both of whom are members of old and well known families of this locality. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of two children, James Sharp III, born December 10, 1922, and Anne Louise, born July 27, 1924. During the World war the Doctor enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps, but was not called into active service. He gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of St. James Lodge, F. & A. M., at Beaver, Pennsylvania; also of the University Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He maintains professional affiliation with the Canton Medical Society, the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, the Doctor retaining his membership at Beaver.

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#### EDWIN L. GEHMAN

Edwin L. Gehman, president and general manager of The Canton Associates Realty Company, is one of the most active and successful real estate men in Stark county. His progressive and enterprising methods have been of direct benefit to the city and county, his operations contributing in a definite measure to the expansion and growth of this section. Mr. Gehman was born on his father's farm, east of Louisville, in Stark county, on the 10th of October, 1875, and is a son of Cyrus and Hannah (Lautzenheiser) Gehman. The family is of German lineage and was established in this country by three brothers, who came in an early day and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Gehman, a native of Lancaster county, that state, came to Stark county in 1848 and located north of East Canton, where he was engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred in 1856. His son, Cyrus Gehman, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and was about six months of age when the family came to Stark county. Here he was reared and educated with his four brothers and two sisters, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1877, when he moved to Eaton county, Michigan, where he followed farming and stock raising.

Later he also successfully engaged in the hay shipping business, so that he was enabled to retire from active pursuits and moved to the town of Vermontville, Eaton county, where he was living at the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife, who still resides at Vermontville, was born in Stark county, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Louis Lautzenheiser, after whom the town of Louisville, Stark county, was named. To Cyrus and Hannah Gehman were born three sons and three daughters: William, who lives at Vermontville, Michigan; Adeline, the wife of Ernest Granger, who operates a farm near Vermontville; Calvin, deceased; Edwin L.; Emma, who is the wife of Irvin Powers, a resident of Vermontville, and one who died in infancy.

Edwin L. Gehman received his educational training in the country schools of Eaton county, Michigan, to which locality the family had moved when he was about two years old. Until twenty-three years of age he remained at home, working on the farm and assisting his father in the hay business, and, on January 12, 1899, he came to Canton and engaged in the hay and grain business. This proved a successful venture and he continued in it until 1915, when he turned his attention to the real estate business, organizing The Canton Associates Realty Company, of which he has since been president. This company specializes in the building of homes and apartment houses, as well as in the real estate brokerage business, and has become one of the principal concerns in its line in this section of the state. The company, originally capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has enjoyed a healthy and substantial growth and its present capital is one hundred thousand dollars.

On September 12, 1901, at Robertsville, Mr. Gehman was united in marriage to Miss Daisy C. Waltz, of Mapleton, youngest daughter of the late Adam and Caroline Waltz, long residents of Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. Gehman became the parents of a son, Cyrus Frederick, born December 13, 1908, who died aged three days, and a daughter, True Virginia, born October 17, 1916, at Canton. Mrs. Gehman is active in church, missionary and civic work and is popular in social circles. Mr. Gehman has been a very active member of The First United Brethren in Christ Church of Canton since 1902, serving as Sunday School treasurer, trustee, treasurer of the board of trustees and general steward, etc.

He is a republican in his political affiliation and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Willowdale Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Real Estate Board, of which he is a director and second vice president. Since starting out upon this independent career he has constantly broadened his activities and is now a prominent representative of the business interests of his community. He measures up to the highest standard of American citizenship and enjoys the unqualified regard of all who know him.

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### HUGO C. KOEHLER

For many years Hugo C. Koehler has stood among the leaders of the legal fraternity in his county and state, having been more than ordinarily successful as a practitioner and commanding a large and representative clientele. He was born on a farm in Wayne township, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 14th of June, 1869, the son of Conrad and Catherine (Allman) Koehler. His father was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, in 1830, and in 1848, during the German revolution with his two brothers and mother came to the United States. He was opposed to the militarism of his native country and was a great student and admirer of the American form of government. Here he engaged in farming, which vocation he followed for many years, until his retirement. His death occurred at Beach City, Stark county, in 1909. He was a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran church and was intensely patriotic, taking an active part as one of the trustees in keeping up the quota of Franklin township, Tuscarawas county, during the Civil war. He was a strong supporter of the democratic party and was active in local public affairs, having served as justice of the peace, township treasurer, township clerk, township trustee, a member of the township board of education and of the board of directors of the Tuscarawas Agricultural Society for twenty-four years. Catherine (Allman) Koehler was born in Hesse Hamburg, Germany, in 1834, and died in Beach City, Ohio, in 1912. She and her husband were buried at Strasburg, this state. She was a daughter of Karl and Elizabeth Allman, natives of Hesse Hamburg, Germany who on coming to this country settled



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near Canal Dover, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming and shoemaking. Mr. Allman was a democrat in his political views and was a very devout member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He was a man of high principles and stalwart Christian faith.

H. C. Koehler secured his early education in the district schools of Wayne township, Tuscarawas county, and later attended the Ohio Northern University at Ada and Baldwin-Wallace College at Berea. He earned his own way through college by teaching school, both in the district schools of Tuscarawas and Stark counties and in the Alliance city schools. After graduation from college, he was for six years superintendent of the schools of Louisville, Ohio, during which time he secured both a common school and high school life certificate in Ohio. He graduated from Mount Union College with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1896, after which he read law in the offices of W. S. Earseman, Esq. in Louisville, Ohio, and David Fording, Esq. in Alliance. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1902, and formed a law partnership with William L. Hart on February 1, 1903. The firm of Hart & Koehler is today one of the oldest and most highly regarded law firms in this section of the state, because of the ability of its members, the honorable standard which they maintain in their practice and the uniform success which has crowned their labors.

On June 8, 1899, in Wilmot, Ohio, Mr. Koehler was united in marriage to Miss Mae Myers, who was born december 5, 1876, and is a daughter of Silas C. and Mary (Putman) Myers. Her father was born near Canal Dover, Ohio, and died at Canton, Ohio, in March, 1901, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a traveling salesman for many years; was a republican in politics; belonged to the Knights of Pythias; and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His father, John Myers, was a farmer near Canal Dover. Mary (Putman) Myers was born in Wilmot, Ohio, and died at the home of Mrs. Koehler in Alliance. She was a daughter of Joseph W. and Hannah (Stambaugh) Putman. Mr. Putman was born at Wilmot, Ohio, where he operated a foundry and manufactured farming implements. In this village he spent his life. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born near Beach City, Ohio, and died at Wilmot. Joseph W. Putman was a son of Gabriel Putman (the

name was formerly spelled Buttman). The latter, who was a native of Pennsylvania, followed farming and died at Wilmot, Ohio. He was a republican and a Methodist.

Mrs. Koehler was graduated from the Wilmot high school and studied music under private teachers in Canton at Mount Union and Oberlin Colleges. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church; has served as president of the Home Missionary Society, and belongs to the Alliance Women's Club; the Mount Union College Women's Club, of which she is a past president; and the Order of the Eastern Star. During the World war she was very active in all war relief work including Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Koehler are the parents of two children. Helen Christine, born July 16, 1902, was graduated from the Alliance high school and from Ohio Wesleyan University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924. She then attended and was graduated from Dyke's School of Business at Cleveland, and later became stenographer for and secretary to her father. She is a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. On February 17, 1928, she married Lynn E. Hawkins of Berlin Center, Ohio. Lee H., born May 20, 1906 was graduated from the Alliance high school in 1923. During his senior year he was manager of the High School Annual. He attended Mount Union College two years and there he was business manager of the college annual. On June 18, 1928, he was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the University of Wisconsin. His graduation thesis is of merit and was highly commended by his thesis adviser, Dr. Herrick. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity and of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., of Alliance. He has been admitted to the Harvard Medical College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. Koehler, while born and reared in a democratic home, has been a life long supporter of the republican party. He has never sought nor held public office. Having a judicial temperment, on many occasions he has been called in to arbitrate labor disputes and has always represented the corporations. His decisions have been so fair that they have met with the approval of labor and have been to their entire satisfaction. In all his professional and business career, he has kept uppermost in his mind his duty to his fellowmen and society and has been a friend of the oppressed, whom he has served without reward or the hope thereof.

Fraternally Mr. Koehler is a member of Conrad Lodge, No.

271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Commandery, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cleveland; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron; Alliance Lodge, No. 467, B. P. O. E.; the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Rotary Club; the Wranglers Club; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president; the Alliance Country Club; and a director and vice president of the Congress Lake Club. He served five years as a trustee of Kent Normal College under appointment by Governor Frank B. Willis and holds a commission as captain in the Officers' Reserve Corps. During the World war he was chairman of the legal advisory board in Alliance and was counselor for the Red Cross Society, and was active in all drives for sale of bonds, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. funds and as a speaker was in great demand. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been for many years and is now serving on the official board as a member of the finance committee and as district steward. He is a director of the Alliance First National Bank and of the Supreme Dairy Company. He has given generously of his time, money and ability in furthering the civic interest of his city and state and is regarded as a dependable citizen. A man of impressive personality, he possesses to a marked degree those characteristics which beget esteem, confidence and friendship and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### THOMAS E. HUTH

The life history of Thomas E. Huth, who is now successfully engaged in the real estate business in Canton, is the record of a man who refused to be disheartened by severe financial reverses and has, by determined and well directed efforts, regained in large measure the prosperity which he has richly deserved. Mr. Huth was born at Sandyville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, May 4, 1873, and is a son of John and Christina (Stansbery) Huth. The family was established in this country by his grandfather, John Huth, who came from Germany in 1836 and settled in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming and stock raising to the time of his death. His son John was born near Strasburg, Tuscarawas county, in January, 1836, and was there reared and

educated. During his active years he was engaged in manufacturing and during the Civil war he served as postmaster at Bolivar, Tuscarawas county. He was a democrat, was a member of the Masonic order and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in December, 1922, at the age of eighty-five years and eleven months. His wife, who died in 1920, at the age of seventy-eight years, was born in Tuscarawas county, of which locality her family were early settlers.

To John and Christina Huth were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom Thomas E. is the only survivor. He attended the public schools of Canton to the age of fourteen years, when he started out to earn his own livelihood, serving an apprenticeship at the trade of carriagemaking, in which he became expert in all departments. He followed that business until 1910, when, having gained an intimate knowledge of automobile engineering, he turned his attention to designing and manufacturing automobiles. In 1916 he became president of the Halladay Motors Corporation, which was originally located at Streator, Illinois, but the factory was later moved to Newark, Ohio. This company, which was engaged in making the Falcon and Halladay cars, was incorporated for one million dollars, with Mr. Huth as the largest stockholder. The business prospered for a time, but in 1919, owing to a lack of working capital, the company suspended operations, at a heavy loss to the stockholders. Prior to becoming connected with this concern Mr. Huth had been identified with the Brush, Buick & Allen Auto Company, and, with thirty-three years of experience in the automobile business, came to be recognized as an expert in that line. In 1923 he established the Thomas E. Huth Agency, realtors, and has specialized in the handling of farm properties, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful, having attained a leading place among the realtors of this city. He has lately established a factory and is manufacturing the Mighty Brite Polish under the name of the Mighty Products Works at Canton.

On December 18, 1895, in Canton, Mr. Huth was united in marriage to Miss Della S. Brenisen, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel Webster and Sarah (Hartline) Brenisen, of an old and prominent family of that locality, and of Pennsylvania origin. They became the parents of two children, Glen Lee, born December 3, 1898, who married Miss Martha Spahr, of Dayton, Ohio, and resides in Canton; and Grace

LaVerne, who was born September 19, 1903, and is now with the General Electric Company in Canton. The mother of these children died December 17, 1923, and on December 30, 1925, Mr. Huth was married to Miss Isabel G. Green, a native of New York state and a daughter of Mrs. Nellie (Painter) Green. In his political views Mr. Huth is an independent democrat and his religious connection is with the United Brethren church. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles and has expressed worthy purpose. All who know him bear testimony to his sterling traits of character and honor him not alone for what he has accomplished, but for the honorable methods which he has followed in every relation of life.

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#### LOUIS B. OHLIGER

Louis B. Ohliger is the efficient superintendent of the Canton Water Works, with which he has been continuously connected for fifty-nine years, rising from an humble position in the department to the office which he has now filled since 1887. What higher testimonial of capability and reliability could be given? His name is inseparably interwoven with the records of Canton and his fellow townsmen entertain for him the warmest regard, recognizing his sterling personal worth and the value of his splendid public service.

Canton proudly places his name on the list of her native sons. He was born April 9, 1855, his parents being Louis and Catherine Ohliger. The father was born in the Rhine province of Germany and was there reared, educated and married. In the late '40s he and his wife came to the new world, making their way direct to Canton, where Mr. Ohliger continued to reside until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-five years. For an extended period he engaged in the hotel business, conducting what was known in the early days as the Jackson Hotel, then one of the leading hostleries of the city. He gave staunch support to the democratic party, took an active interest in political and civic affairs and for several terms rendered valuable service to Canton as a member of the city council, advocating and supporting every measure which he deemed would prove beneficial to the welfare of the community. He was one of the leading Masons of Canton and his religious connection

was with the German Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born seven children, three of whom are yet living, the eldest being Jacob Ohliger, who is also connected with the Canton water works department. The daughter, Elizabeth Ohliger, became the wife of Edward Diener and resides in Cleveland.

The other surviving member of the family is Louis B. Ohliger, who, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, attended the public schools to the age of fourteen years, when necessity demanded that he provide for his own support, and practically his only business connection has been with the water works department of Canton. His initial position was that of water boy, serving the workmen who were then engaged in the installation of the city mains. He early realized that industry and capability must constitute the rounds of the ladder on which he would climb to success. He embraced every opportunity to promote his knowledge concerning mechanical and scientific requirements in connection with this important service to the people and it was not long before he had gained a good working understanding of all branches of the business, including the plumber's trade. His skill, thoroughness and adaptability gained for him deserved recognition and in due course of time, after having filled intermediate positions, he was appointed to the office of superintendent, in which he has continuously served since 1887, or for a period of forty-one years, through republican, democratic and socialist administrations; but no matter what the political regime of Canton his fellow townsmen have always felt that there would be an efficient administration of the business of the water works department. In 1893 and 1894 he not only performed the duties of superintendent of this department but also acted as chief of the Canton fire department. With that exception, however, he has concentrated his time and energies upon the water works system of the city, which equals in every respect that to be found in any city of similar size in the country.

In 1875 Mr. Ohliger was united in marriage to Miss Salome Oberlin, a native of Summit county, Ohio, and a daughter of Harry Oberlin, a representative of one of the old and well known families of Summit county. By her marriage Mrs. Ohliger has become the mother of one son, Conn Rutherford, who was born in October, 1881, and was educated in the schools of Canton and of Cleveland, being graduated from the Western Reserve University of the latter city with the degree of M. D. At the outbreak of the

Spanish-American war he enlisted as a surgeon and was sent to the Philippine Islands, where he later met an untimely death by drowning. This occurred shortly before the tragic death of President McKinley, who prior to his departure for Buffalo had personally given the bereaved family every assurance that the remains of their son would be recovered and returned for interment in his native city, but fate intervened in the president carrying out this promise concerning the young man, whom he had known from his boyhood and whose death at the age of twenty-four years was a matter of deep grief to the president as well as to the innumerable friends whom he left behind in his native city.

In his political views Mr. Ohliger is a stalwart democrat where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot, voting for men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with Canton Aerie, No. 141, F. O. E. He belongs to the First Reformed church and his has been an upright life in thorough harmony with his professions. There is no citizen of Canton who more fully deserves and receives the respect and confidence of his fellowmen than Louis B. Ohliger, for over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Fidelity to duty has ever been his watchword and this has found expression in an efficiency that cannot be surpassed.

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#### MICHAEL PATRICK GRADY

One of the efficient and valued employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Canton is Michael P. Grady, machinist foreman in the shops and recognized as a man of exceptional technical ability. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, on the 18th of July, 1885, and is a son of Patrick Joseph and Ella (Finnerty) Grady, the former born in county Mayo, Ireland, February 2, 1860, and the latter at West Jefferson, Ohio, November 12, 1860. Mr. Grady is of Irish stock in both paternal and maternal lines. The family of his paternal grandmother, the Killbrides, still live in the Emerald isle, while the families of both of his maternal grandparents, the Finnertys and Welches, came to this country in 1841. His paternal grandfather was a school teacher and a poet, and

from him Mr. Grady probably inherits his talents as a poet, humorist and philosopher, from which he has become widely known as the "Railroad Poet."

M. P. Grady attended St. Patrick's parochial school in Columbus, followed by two years in Sullivan's school, in which he completed the eighth grade. He then attended the night sessions of the McKinley high school in Canton for five years, after which, under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes law, he taught mechanics for several years, holding a life certificate to teach that subject, good throughout the country. He served a four years' apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Columbus, and for a number of years followed his trade in various cities all over the country. Returning to Columbus, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad in January, 1911, as a machinists' foreman, and in the following May was transferred to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was foreman until February 20, 1920, when he again came to Canton as foreman in the new shops just completed, and is still filling that position, discharging his duties in an able and satisfactory manner. Mr. Grady has also taught foremanship in the McKinley high school at night sessions for several years.

On January 18, 1911, in St. Patrick's church, Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Grady was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Rose Donahue, who was there born November 18, 1885, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bray) Donahue, the former born in Ireland, March 22, 1840, and the latter in Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Grady are the parents of seven children: Gertrude Rose, born December 17, 1911, attending St. Mary's business high school; Mary Josephine, born June 22, 1913; Ellen Harriet, June 30, 1915; Robert Emmett, September 15, 1917; Mildred Elizabeth, November 7, 1920; Michael Patrick, November 5, 1922; and Thomas, September 24, 1925. The first four children were born in Pittsburgh and the last three in Canton.

In his political views Mr. Grady is a republican and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Columbus, the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, the Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Stark County Foremen's Club, the Pennsylvania Railroad Foremen's Club and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Several years ago he, with others, organized the Foremen's

Club of Canton, as a branch of the national association, which is chartered in twenty-nine states. In 1925 he was made a member of the board of control and in 1926 was elected president of the organization, in which office he is still serving. He is also vice president of the national organization, the headquarters of which are in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Grady and his wife are earnest members of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church in Canton. A man of sterling character, consistent in motive and action, his record has gained for him an enviable place in the respect and esteem of all who know him.

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#### FRED E. LUCAS

The office of building inspector is a very important one in connection with municipal affairs as the incumbent of that position must see that all construction work conforms to the building code. This position in Canton is being filled in a very efficient and satisfactory manner by Fred E. Lucas, who, possessing a thorough technical knowledge of every branch of building, is well qualified for his duties. Mr. Lucas was born in Kilgore, Carroll county, Ohio, on the 26th of October, 1890, and is a son of Jesse and Ellenor (Slates) Lucas, both of whom were natives of Carroll county and of German descent. Jesse Lucas was reared, educated and married in his native county and during his active life was engaged in general contracting, which he followed successfully to the time of his death in 1918, at the age of fifty-eight years. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife died in 1910, at the age of fifty-six years. They were the parents of four children: Edgar G., who died at the age of seven years; Riley C., who was born in 1883, and resides in Carroll county; Fred E.; and Howard M., of Logan, Ohio.

Fred E. Lucas was educated in the public schools of Carroll county and at the age of fourteen years started to earn his own living, serving an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade. He worked with his father for eleven years, after which he followed his trade elsewhere as a journeyman. He came to Canton in 1916 and was connected with building operations here until January 10,

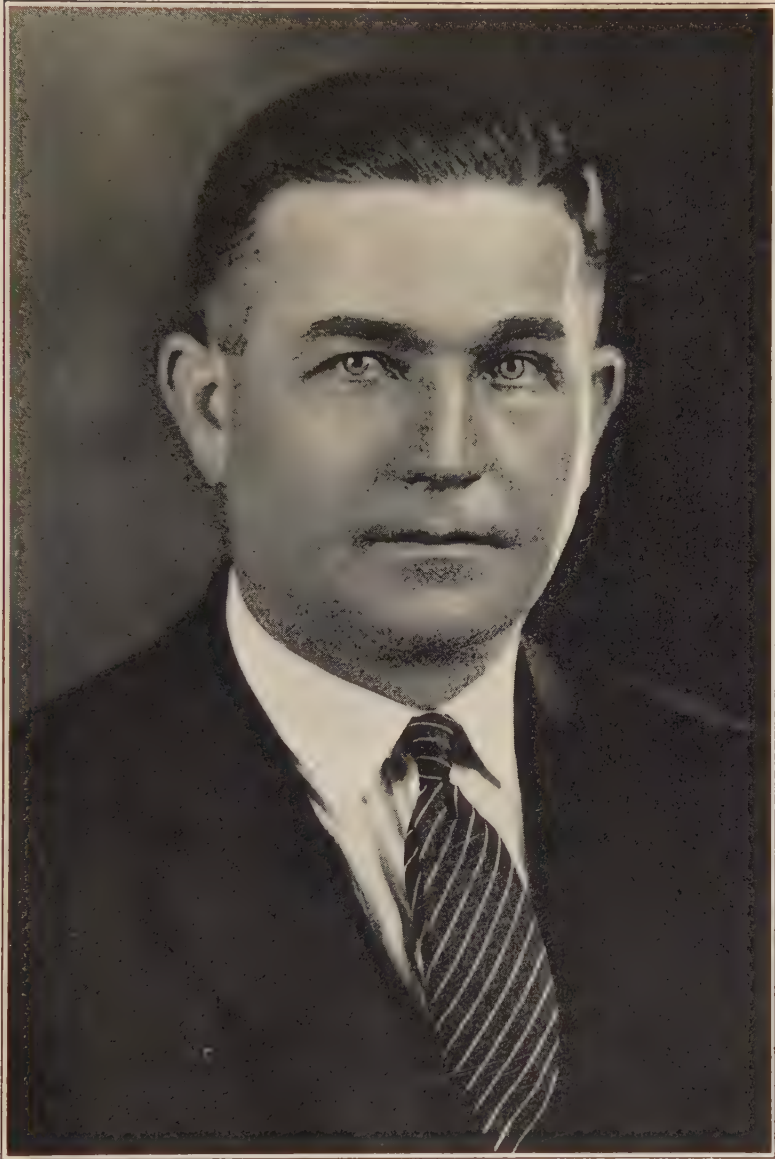
1921, when he was appointed city building inspector, in which capacity he has continued to the present time. That he has rendered a high type of service is evident from the fact that he has been in office through both republican and democratic administrations and all who are familiar with his work are loud in their commendation of his faithful and capable efforts to enforce the building code.

On December 24, 1911, in Carrollton, Ohio, Mr. Lucas was united in marriage to Miss Murrell Stemple, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Milton and Harriet (Smith) Stemple, both of whom were representatives of old Carroll county families. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are the parents of four children: Harriet Eleanor, born at Carrollton December 13, 1912; Vivian M., born at Carrollton, February 23, 1914; Elizabeth G., born in Canton, June 3, 1919; and Francis E., born in Canton, October 7, 1923. Mr. Lucas is a skilled musician, playing the bass horn, and for five years served as manager of the Canton Nazir Grotto Band. He gives his political support to the republican party and he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He belongs to Carpenters Union No. 143, of which he has been financial secretary for the past eight years, and the Musicians Union No. 111. He and his wife are earnest members of Martin Luther church. During the World war Mr. Lucas was employed by the government in the supervision of the construction of the buildings at Camp Humphreys, Virginia, an engineers training camp. True and loyal in every relation of life and a man of sterling character, he commands to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen and among his associates is deservedly popular.

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#### ANTHONY A. MULAC

The life history of Anthony A. Mulac is the record of a man who, through persevering industry, alert mentality and the ability and courage to take advantage of opportunities that presented themselves, made steady advancement and today is numbered among the successful and influential business men of Alliance.



Anthony A. Mulac



Mr. Mulac was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 10, 1878, a son of Joseph and Catherine Mulac, both of whom were natives of Pilsen, Austria-Hungary, and on coming to this country located in Cleveland, where the father followed his trade, that of a stonemason. He was a republican in politics, and he and his wife were devout members of the Roman Catholic church. They are both deceased.

Anthony A. Mulac secured his education in the public schools of his native city and then went to work for the Brush Electric Company, with which concern he remained about nine months. During the ensuing year he was with the National Malleable Castings Company, of Cleveland, and then worked for the Standard Tool Company of that city for nineteen years, rising to the position of foreman. In 1912 Mr. Mulac came to Alliance as superintendent of the Buckeye Twist Drill Company, with which he has been identified continuously since, and of which concern he is now president and general manager, as well as a director. He has prospered in his business affairs and is financially interested in a number of other important concerns, being a director of the Alliance First National Bank, the Buckeye Jack Manufacturing Company, the West Park Realty Company, the Alliance Finance Company, and the Stewart Brothers Paint Company, all of Alliance.

On September 10, 1901, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Mulac was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wallace, who was born in that city, January 21, 1882, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, the former of whom was a patternmaker by trade. Mrs. Mulac attended the public schools of Cleveland. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs also to the Alliance Women's Club and the Mount Union College Women's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulac are the parents of four children, as follows: Raymond A., born July 4, 1902, was graduated from the Alliance high school and attended Mount Union College and is now connected with the Buckeye Twist Drill Company. He married Miss Elizabeth Duncan, of Alliance, and they have two children, Raymond A., Jr., and Corine; Florence Anna, born June 5, 1904, was graduated from the Alliance high school and attended Mount Union College. She is now the wife of Darrell S. Parker, of Painesville, Ohio, who was graduated from the Case School of Applied Sciences as a mechanical engineer and is now associated with the International Cement Company of New York city. Elmer

J., born May 19, 1906, was graduated from the Alliance high school and is now a senior in the University of Michigan. Robert W., born January 25, 1920, is attending the Alliance grammar schools.

Mr. Mulac has always supported the republican party and has been active in local public affairs, being a member of the city council and a director of public safety at Newburgh, Ohio. He belongs to Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cleveland; and Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Congress Lake Club, the Alliance Country Club and the Rotary Club, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian church. Good citizenship and true manhood have been exemplified in his life and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

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### FRANK M. SMITH

Among the successful, self-made business men of Canton none has more worthily deserved prosperity than has Frank M. Smith, the well-known public accountant, whose business is carried on under the name of Frank M. Smith and Associates, with offices in the Renkert Building. He thoroughly and carefully prepared himself for his life work, in which he is conceded to be an expert of unusual efficiency, and he commands not only a large patronage but also the confidence of all who have engaged his services. Mr. Smith was born at Navarre, Stark county, Ohio, on the 20th of September, 1885, and is a son of Louis F. and Agnes R. (Martin) Smith. His paternal grandparents, Nicholas and Rosie (De Ville) Smith, were natives of Belgium, and on their emigration to this country located at Navarre, Ohio, being among the earliest settlers there. Mr. Smith was there engaged for over half a century in a mercantile and fur trading business, was also active in canal transportation affairs, and was a man of prominence and influence in his community. He served in the Union Army during the Civil war, giving loyal support to his adopted country. Louis F. Smith, who was born and reared at Navarre, attended the public schools,

and on attaining manhood successfully engaged in the manufacture of patent medicines. In 1886 he moved with his family to Canton, where he resided until his death, which occurred while he was on a business trip to Evansville, Indiana, in 1913, at the age of sixty years. He was a stanch democrat in politics and was actively interested in the civic affairs of his community. He belonged to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and he and his wife were devoted members of St. John's Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Smith was born at Kelley's Island, Erie county, Ohio, of which locality her parents were early settlers, and she is still living in Canton. To Louis F. and Agnes Smith were born three sons, Frank M., Ferdinand D. and Carl I.

Frank M. Smith was educated in the public and parochial schools of Canton and then entered the Canton Actual Business College, where he took special courses in higher accountancy. Later he studied higher accountancy with the International Accountant Society of Chicago and the American Institute, Inc., of New York City, graduating from the Chicago school in 1914 and from the New York institution in 1921. Prior to the completion of his studies, and in order to defray the expenses of the same, Mr. Smith went to work for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, beginning as office boy, at a salary of fifteen dollars a month. Through his faithful and efficient performance of duty, he received successive promotions and at twenty years of age was made cashier, in which responsible position he served for eleven years. On the completion of his technical education, Mr. Smith resigned his position with the railroad company and became a member of the firm Spragg, Lotz & Smith, public accountants, in Canton, and continued in that association for three years, or until 1922, when he withdrew from the firm and established his present business. He has won a large and important clientele, including many large firms, corporations and estates, and is now regarded as one of the leaders in his line in northeastern Ohio.

On June 20, 1913, in Canton, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Catherine Wielandt, who was born at 1118 Lippert road, northeast, in Canton, in a substantial old home built a half century ago and which is still a place of much interest. She is a daughter of the late Joseph A. and Tracy (Renier) Wielandt, the latter a member of an old and prominent family of this city. Mrs. Smith is very active in local, church and civic affairs, being a

member of the Women's Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus and the Canton Women's Club, and taking part in the community drives for orphans and other benevolent and charitable causes. Mr. Smith is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Sippo Lake Club, the Shady Hollow Country Club, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the National Aeronautic Association of the United States. He is a life member of the National Association of Certified Public Accountants, being recorded under the national association membership at Washington as No. 101. He is also resident consultant and registrar for the American Extension Institute of New York City. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E., and he and his wife are earnest members of St. John's Roman Catholic church of Canton. Mr. Smith is closely devoted to his life work, the worth of which is widely acknowledged, and those who know him esteem him no less for his social qualities and splendid personal attributes than for his professional skill and success.

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### CHARLES PAQUELET

Charles Paquelet, the pioneer business man on Cleveland avenue in Canton, has for many years been widely known as a funeral director and embalmer, while his fidelity to the highest standards of his calling and his reliable business methods have brought to him an extensive and well deserved patronage. He is a lifelong resident of Stark county, his birth having occurred in Louisville, July 25, 1875. His father, Stephen Paquelet, a native of France, came to the United States in early life and settled in Ohio, where he resided until his death, which occurred when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and became one of the first undertakers of Stark county at a period when all coffins were made by hand. It is a notable fact that four successive generations of the family have engaged in the undertaking business, the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of Charles Paquelet all having followed this line. The present business was established by the father sixty-one years ago and he continued therein to the time of his demise. He was also a taxidermist more than a half century ago. His political

endorsement was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church. He married Eugenia Dete, who was born at Black Creek, Holmes county, Ohio, now known as Glenmont, and was also of French lineage. She spent her girlhood in her native county and following her marriage became a resident of Stark county, where she reared her family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and a daughter are yet living, namely: Frank, who makes his home in Louisville, Ohio; Josephine, who is the wife of J. J. Wolfe and a resident of Orrville, Ohio; Louis, of Canton; and Charles.

The last named attended public and private schools of Louisville and at the age of sixteen years became associated with his father in the furniture and undertaking business. He was thoroughly trained in all branches of the trade and has always kept in touch with the latest improvements introduced in connection with the undertaking business. In 1904 he was associated with his elder brother Frank in the establishment of his present business at the corner of Sixth street and Cleveland avenue northwest, in Canton, and this was continued as a copartnership until 1919, when the brothers concluded to divide their interests at Canton and Louisville, Charles remaining at the head of the Canton establishment, while Frank Paquelet took over the furniture and undertaking business at Louisville. The former was the first merchant to establish a business on Cleveland avenue, which has since developed into one of the leading commercial thoroughfares of the city. He has always enjoyed a liberal patronage, for the name of Paquelet is synonymous with business enterprise and thorough reliability. Moreover, he possesses the tact and sympathy which means so much in homes of bereavement and his kindness has brought forth the gratitude of many to whom he has ministered.

It was in Louisville that Charles Paquelet wedded Miss Laura Pierson, a native of that city, and a daughter of Frank and Susanna (Metzger) Pierson, who were representatives of old and prominent families of Stark county, the Metzgers coming from Holland and the Piersons from France. Her father was for many years a leading hardware merchant of Louisville but has now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Paquelet have become parents of three children: Eugenia, who is the wife of Eugene Wackerly, who is an assistant of her father in the undertaking business; Mildred, at home; and Charles, Jr., who is a student in the University of Dayton. The

elder daughter was born in Louisville and the two younger children in Canton. The family resides at 617 Cleveland avenue northwest. Their religious faith is that of the Catholic church, and it was Mr. Paquelet who sponsored and promoted the placing of the beautiful chimes clock in St. John's church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, while his wife belongs to the Knights of Columbus Women's Club and is very active in church and missionary work. She also has membership in the Catholic Daughters of America and in the Canton Women's Club, while Mr. Paquelet is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Chamber of Commerce. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the democratic party and is active in political and civic affairs, standing for progress and improvement at all times, while his initiative and progressive spirit have been elements in furthering the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted city. His life has been well spent and he enjoys the high regard and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### FRED J. HALDI

Switzerland has sent many of her best citizens to the United States, where they have proven loyal and patriotic and have contributed of their efforts to the public welfare. Of these, one of the most highly respected in Canton is Fred Jacob Haldi, who has been successful in business, while the high type of citizenship which has been exemplified in his life has gained for him the unqualified respect of his fellowmen. Mr. Haldi was born in Berne, Switzerland, on the 1st of July, 1870, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Mezenen) Haldi, also natives of Berne, the father born in 1826 and the mother March 7, 1830. They are both deceased, the father having died March 26, 1875, in his native land. The Haldi family has long been prominent in Switzerland, the record running back prior to the Reformation. Jacob Oelrich Haldi was a senator in the Assembly at Saanen, and was also proprietor of all the bus lines running out of that city.

Fred J. Haldi attended the public school at Saanen until twelve years of age and in 1883 his mother brought her children to the

United States, landing at old Castle Garden, New York, thence coming to Canton, Ohio. Here Mr. Haldi had one year of schooling, when they moved to Pekin, this state, where he attended school to the eighth grade. On moving to Cleveland, he became an apprentice to the meat business with Theodore Wachter, with whom he remained until 1895, when he returned to Canton and engaged in the retail meat business at 1200 Cleveland avenue northwest. He was successful and continued the business until 1907, when he converted it into a wholesale market, selling meats and cheese, carrying the business on until 1923, when he turned his attention to Swiss cheese. He has since specialized in this line operating a factory at Sugar Creek, Ohio. By close attention to business and judicious management, he has met with well merited prosperity, and has wisely invested in real estate, owning a number of valuable properties in this locality, so that he is now very comfortably situated.

On May 22, 1905, in Cleveland, Mr. Haldi married Miss Frieda Margurite Paulus, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 1, 1885, and is a daughter of Conrad and Sophia (Entz) Paulus. Her father was born at Bingen-on-the-Rhine, Germany, October 19, 1845, and died in November, 1917, and her mother was born in Kanton Appenzell, Switzerland, February 23, 1845, and died in October, 1914. Mrs. Haldi's paternal grandfather was a high officer in the German army, while her father was an expert cabinet-maker. He was a very fine singer, his wife also possessing musical talent. Mr. and Mrs. Haldi have become the parents of four children: Fred J., Jr., born April 29, 1906, is in charge of his father's business in Canton; Margurite, born April 3, 1914, is attending the Lehman high school; John Adolph, born August 5, 1924, is at home and Emil, born in 1911, died the same year.

Mrs. Haldi, who is a member of the Swiss Singing Society, possesses a singing voice of rare power and beauty, and would have become noted as a prima donna had she not preferred making a home for her husband and children. She sings for charity only and charms all who hear her. Among the many complimentary newspapers references to her work the following excerpts are taken: Seventh Singers' Festival, Louisville, Kentucky, 1909, "The most brilliant moments of both of the concerts were, most decidedly, the songs rendered by Mrs. Frieda Haldi, of Canton, Ohio, who with wonderful, strong and well-modulated soprano

conquered the hearts of the hearers . . . She was the star of the concerts, which were a decidedly artistic success;" Canton Singers' Festival, 1907, "Again the 'Swiss Nightingale,' Mrs. Frieda Haldi, created a storm of enthusiasm with the singing of Hellmund's 'Zarberlied.' Clear and ringing like chimes came the tones from her musical throat, the deeper registers as sonorous as the higher ones were sweet and certain;" golden anniversary of the Swiss Singers' Club, Cleveland, 1922, "She carried pomp and splendor into the festival by her wonderful singing. Since we heard her last she has not lost a bit of the mellowness and sweetness of her voice, nothing of the expressive beauty of her interpretation."

Mr. Haldi is a staunch republican in his political views and has ever shown a deep interest in everything concerning the progress and prosperity of his community. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P.; Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 141; Fleet-foot Tribe, No. 139, I. O. R. M.; the United Commercial Travelers, No. 43; the Swiss Beneficial Lodge, at Cleveland, and was president of the Gesang Verein, of Alpine Roesli, of Canton. He and his wife are earnest members of Grace Reformed church of Canton and Mr. Haldi was for six years a deacon of the First Reformed church. He possesses a strong personality and a cordial and affable manner that makes for friendship and no citizen of Canton holds a higher place in public confidence and esteem.

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#### B. HUGO BOWMAN, D. D. S.

Dr. B. Hugo Bowman has attained a place in the front rank of the successful dentists of Canton, having long since demonstrated his superior ability and skill as an operator, and commands a large and representative practice. He was born in Linesville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of March, 1879, and is a son of Dr. William A. and Nancy (Dickson) Bowman. His paternal grandfather James Bowman, who was born in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, was a scion of a family of English origin, long established in that locality. William A. Bowman was born in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and was educated for the medical profession, which he followed for a number of years, later turning

his attention to mercantile pursuits. He resided in Linesville until within six years of his death, when he came to Canton, Ohio, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Snively. His death occurred here in 1922, in the eightieth year of his age, and he was buried at his former home, Linesville, Pennsylvania. His wife was born at Waterloo, now known as Polk, Pennsylvania, and was of Irish descent. Her death occurred in 1882, at the age of forty-five years. To Dr. and Mrs. Bowman were born five children, of whom three are living, namely: Mattie, who resides in Canton; B. Hugo; and Dora, the wife of Albert H. Snively, a prominent attorney in Canton.

B. Hugo Bowman attended the public schools of Linesville, Pennsylvania, graduating from high school in 1896, after which he took a short course at the Slipperyrock State Normal School. He then entered the dental school of Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1904. He located in Youngstown, Ohio, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for seven years, and then, coming to Canton, was associated for one year with the Geiger-Jones Company. He next went to Bellevue, Ohio, where he was associated with Dr. Donelson for about five months, and in 1913 returned to Canton and opened a dental office at 318 Cleveland avenue northwest, later he removed to the Mellett building, where he has continued in the active practice of his profession to the present time. The Doctor has a well furnished and modernly equipped office and during the fifteen years of his practice here has earned a well merited reputation for the high quality of his work. He specializes in orthodontia, the correction of irregularities of the teeth, in which he has attained some remarkable results.

On November 11, 1917, in Canton, Dr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Corinne Weber, who was born in this city and is a daughter of Julius O. and Nettie (Corts) Weber, her family being prominent and well known in this locality. Dr. and Mrs. Bowman have a daughter, Mary Louise, born September 21, 1920. The Doctor gives his political support to the democratic party and is deeply interested in local public affairs. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, B. P. O. E.; the Orchard Hills Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Stark County Dental Association, of which he was secretary in 1915, the Ohio State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He and his wife are mem-

bers of the First Methodist Episcopal church. During the World war Dr. Bowman served with the Preparedness League of American Dentists and as dental examiner for the local draft board. In civic as well as professional affairs he is progressive and has never been found wanting in his support of all measures for the advancement of the public welfare. Cordial and friendly in his social relations, he has a large circle of loyal friends in Canton and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

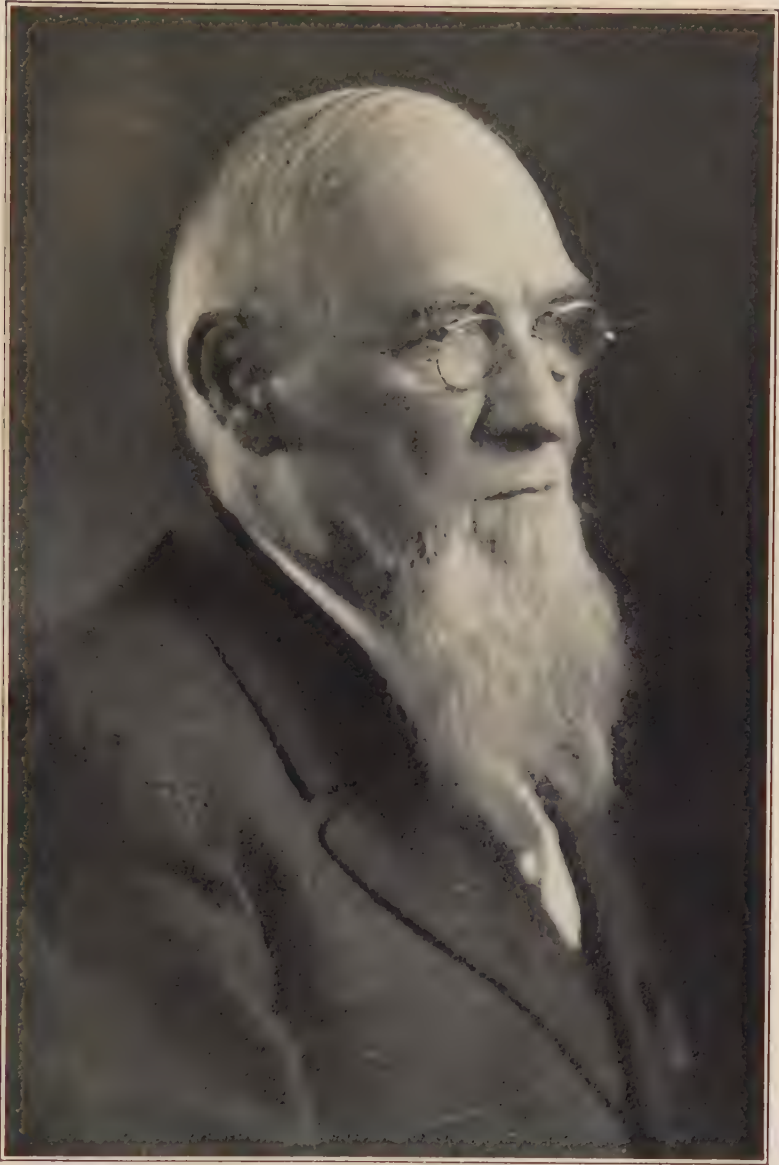
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### CHARLES COOPER DAVIDSON

It is not always easy to define the hidden forces that have moved a life of ceaseless activity and large success; little more can be done than to note their manifestation in the career of the individual. In view of this fact the life of the well known educator, successful business man and public-spirited citizen whose name appears above affords a striking example of well defined purpose and innate ability. Charles Cooper Davidson held distinctive prestige in a calling which demands sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order, and in addition to his long and creditable career in one of the most useful and exacting professions, he was also prominent in financial circles and was an honorable member of the body politic, rising in the confidence and esteem of the public and in every relation of life maintaining the dignity of true manhood. He was essentially a man among men, his personal qualities and superior ability commanding respect, and as a citizen he easily ranked with the most influential of his compeers.

Mr. Davidson was born near Caldwell, Noble county, Ohio, on the 24th of February, 1844, and died in Alliance, December 6, 1926, at the age of eighty-two years. He was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Cooper) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Brooke county, West Virginia, and died on his farm near Caldwell, Ohio, having devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He was a democrat in his political views and was a member of the United Brethren church. His wife was born in Dublin, Ireland, and died on the home farm in Noble county.

Charles C. Davidson was reared on his father's farm and secured his elementary education in the schools of that neighborhood.



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When nineteen years of age he entered Ohio University at Athens, which he attended for two years, and was then compelled by failing health induced by too close application to his studies to leave college and return home. There, under private instructions, he continued his studies, completing his college course, after which for a few years he taught in the district schools in his home neighborhood. He gained recognition as a teacher of more than ordinary ability, and his services were frequently sought for various teachers' institutes and normal schools. In 1871 Mr. Davidson was appointed school examiner for Noble county, filling that position with ability and credit until called to the superintendency of the Quaker City schools, near Columbus, where he served two years. In 1875 he completed the classical course of study at the Ohio Central Normal School and obtained from the state board of school examiners a life teacher's certificate. In 1876 he took charge of the schools of Lisbon, Ohio, where he was so successful that he was retained in that position nine years. He then came to Alliance as superintendent of the city schools, a position which he filled with ability and distinction for nine years. He took hold of the work here in a manner that made so favorable an impression on the board of education that at the end of the first year he was reelected for two years, at a greatly advanced salary, this action being entirely unsolicited by him. He devoted himself tirelessly and vigorously to the advancement of the educational interests of the city with results that were highly gratifying in every respect. The attendance of the schools was greatly increased, the interest of teachers and pupils was stimulated, there was a great improvement in the teaching methods, and a fine spirit of cooperation was cultivated among the educational forces of the city. He was also instrumental in the securing of a public school library of a thousand volumes and in the purchase of the vacated college and its valuable grounds for the use of the educational department. In recognition of his splendid and effective work as an educator, in 1886 Ohio University conferred on Mr. Davidson the degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Davidson's retirement from the superintendency of the city schools in 1894 did not terminate his personal interest and connection with the educational affairs of the city, as he was a member of the board of education at various times and at the time of his death had served on that body for eleven consecutive years and had presided at a meeting of the board only two weeks before he

passed away and was determined to preside at another to be held at 1:30 P. M., December 6, 1926,—the hour of his death. While William McKinley was governor of Ohio he appointed Mr. Davidson a trustee of Ohio University, a position he filled throughout the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Ohio state board of school examiners for eight years and a member of the National and State Teachers Associations from their inception, holding office in both at various times. In 1882 he organized the Alliance public library, which later became the Carnegie Library, and he raised twenty-five thousand dollars for this purpose by entertainments, etc.

In business and civic affairs of Alliance Mr. Davidson became a prominent and influential figure. He took a leading part in the organization of the Peoples Bank, the City Savings Bank and the First National Bank, the last named being combined with the Alliance Bank Company in 1922 under the name of the Alliance First National Bank. In 1899 Mr. Davidson organized the Alliance Building & Savings Company, with which he was connected as secretary and manager up to the time of his death. Everything concerning the progress, prosperity and welfare of his community commanded his interest and enlisted his support and his clear-headed judgment in practical matters was held in high regard by his associates. He was a democrat in his political views and served as a member of the Alliance city council. He was an ardent supporter of prohibition, and his influence and personal efforts were always exerted in the direction of those things which were uplifting and salutary in their effect. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the degree of a Knight Templar, being a member of Salem Commandery, and in his life he exemplified the sublime principles of that order. His actions were the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he was right no question of policy or personal profit could swerve him from his course. His career was complete and rounded in its beautiful simplicity. He did his full duty in all the relations of life, and he died beloved by those near to him and respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens.

On October 13, 1875, near Cumberland, Ohio, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Martha Patterson, who was born in Moundsville, West Virginia, May 16, 1850, a daughter of James and Sarah (Crow) Patterson. Her father was born

in Cumberland, Maryland, and died in Moundsville. He had led a busy and industrious life, having been a merchant, a sawmill operator and a land owner. He was a whig in politics and an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. His wife was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and died in Moundsville, West Virginia. Mrs. Davidson's paternal grandfather was John Patterson, who conducted an extensive mercantile business in Cumberland, Maryland, as early as 1793. Mrs. Davidson has in her possession many of his old documents, including the plot and certificate for the resurvey of tracts of land called "Ill Will," "Fort Lip" and "Cornucopia," situated in Allegany county, Maryland; a bill of John Patterson's "for view and burial of a little child," showing him to have been coroner of that county in 1812; bills of goods dated as far back as 1793, which has listed bundles of deer horns, snake root, gensing, beeswax, flax, hemp, millinery, dry goods, groceries, etc., the consideration, of course, being in pounds, shillings and pence of English money. Several of these accounts are with the Adamses, Buchanans and other notable people.

On the maternal side, Mrs. Davidson's ancestors married into the family of General Braddock, of Fort Duquesne fame; into the Milligan family, one of whom manufactured brick with which to build Fort Pitt; a cousin married a Butler, descendant of General John Butler, aide-de-camp to General Jackson and father of General Ben Butler; another aunt married a Lazeer, and it was the pleasure of Mrs. Davidson to visit a son of this marriage, her cousin, Michael Crow Lazeer, in California in 1887.

Mrs. Davidson attended the public schools of Wheeling, West Virginia, and was graduated from Dana Musical Institute at Warren, Ohio, in 1875. When fifteen and a half years old she began teaching school, and after her marriage became assistant to her husband as a teacher in the schools at Quaker City. After that she taught music. She is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Alliance, taking part in all its activities. She is a member of the Mount Union College Women's Club, the Civic Club, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Alliance Women's Club and is a charter member of the Sorosis Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson became the parents of a son, Carl, who was born at Lisbon, Ohio, May 8, 1884. He attended the Alliance public schools, graduating from high school in 1902, and he then entered Mount Union College, which he attended from 1902 to

1904, and in the fall of the latter year entered the engineering department of Ohio State University. In the fall of 1905 he returned to Mount Union College, from which he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In the following November he went west and for several years was employed as agent by the United States government in the bureau of animal industry. During this time he acquired a working knowledge of Spanish, which later led him into the export business. On February 1, 1912, he resigned from government service to join the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and was located successively in Cleveland, Syracuse and New York city. In the spring of 1913 he became interested in exports of Goodyear products and, after calling on exporters in New York for several years and making occasional trips to the West Indies and Latin America, in 1916 left for the orient, visiting Honolulu, Japan, China, Philippines and Singapore. Early in 1917 he was one of the organizers and incorporators of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Ltd., for the Dutch East Indies, with headquarters in Soerabaya, Java. In 1919 he went to the Philippines in the interest of Goodyear. In October, 1920, he was married to Miss Edith F. Nason of Boston, Massachusetts, and spent the next few years in Manila, Philippine islands, in charge of the Goodyear branch. Two sons were born in Manila: Charles Frederic, May 17, 1922, and Robert Edward, December 8, 1926. In July, 1927, the family returned to Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Davidson continues his connections with the Goodyear Export Company.

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### JOHN GEORGE ECK

John G. Eck, sales manager of the Buckeye Twist Drill Company, of Alliance, has won a high place in the regard of his associates because of his energetic and intelligent methods and is an important factor in the success of this well known concern. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 22nd of June, 1880, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Bettenhausen) Eck. He is of German descent, his paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Eck, having been born in Germany, and both died in Cleveland, Ohio, the former in 1913 and the latter in November, 1898. Mr.

Eck was a florist, was a member of the Reformed church and supported the republican party. George Eck was born in Cleveland, October 24, 1856, and is still living in that city, where, during his active years, he followed the trade of a slate roofer. He is a republican and a member of the Reformed church. His wife was born in Germany, May 18, 1855.

John G. Eck attended the public schools of his native city and took a commercial course in the Spencerian Business College of Cleveland. He entered the employ of the McIntosh Hardware Corporation as order clerk, and later advanced to the position of city buyer. He was with that concern for five years and then worked for the Standard Tool Company, of Cleveland, as cost clerk, and later as assistant sales manager, and was connected with that business for eleven years. On January 1, 1915, Mr. Eck came to Alliance as office manager for the Buckeye Twist Drill Company, in which he has become a stockholder, also having charge of sales, in which capacity he has proven able and efficient. He is also a director of the Midland Savings and Loan Company of Alliance.

In Cleveland, Ohio, September 9, 1903, Mr. Eck was united in marriage to Miss Louise Budinger, who was born September 16, 1881, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Litzel) Budinger. Her father, who was of German descent, was a native of this state. He was a carpenter and builder and died in Cleveland in 1892. His wife was born in Germany, May 12, 1846, and still resides in Cleveland. Mrs. Eck was educated in the public school of Dayton, Ohio, is a member of the Alliance Women's Club and the Mt. Union College Women's Club and is an adherent of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Eck are the parents of two daughters, of whom they are justifiably proud: Marion Elizabeth, born March 3, 1905, graduated from the Alliance high school in 1923, and from Mt. Union College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1927, and is now teaching in the high school at Salineville, Ohio. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Mildred Louise, born April 26, 1911, is a senior in the Alliance high school and a member of the Alliance Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Eck is a member of Iris Lodge, No. 229, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T.; and Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron. He belongs to the Alliance Country Club,

of which he is a past president and past secretary; the Chamber of Commerce, and was formerly a member of the Kiwanis Club. A man of forceful personality, alert mentality and marked energy, he makes a favorable impression on all who come in contact with him, and is deservedly held in high esteem by his acquaintances.

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### MARTIN W. BOYER

Martin W. Boyer, president and general manager of the well known printing and office supply house of Boyer-Buchman Company of Canton, is numbered among the able, progressive and prosperous business men of this city, the concern of which he is the head, having enjoyed a steady and substantial growth under his judicious management until it is now one of the most important enterprises in its line in this section of the state. Mr. Boyer was born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of February, 1880, and is a son of Rev. L. M. and Mary E. (Weller) Boyer. The family has long been established in this country, the American progenitor having been Christopher Bayer, as the name was then spelled, who came from Germany in 1732 and settled in Pennsylvania. Some of his descendants fought in the war of the Revolution. L. M. Boyer was reared and obtained his early education in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and later received university training, taking up a study of theology according to the doctrines of the Evangelical church, in which he was ordained to the ministry. He devoted his entire active life to that profession, serving as pastor of various churches in Pennsylvania, and in 1890 became pastor of Grace Evangelical church in Canton, to which he ministered until his retirement from active labors, since which time he has lived quietly in his home here, enjoying well earned leisure. He served with the Pennsylvania troops throughout the Civil war. Mary E. (Weller) Boyer was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and also is of German descent, her family having been established in Pennsylvania in the early part of the eighteenth century. She proved an able helpmeet to her husband in his holy calling and is still living in Canton, secure in the love and affection of all who know her. Rev. and Mrs. Boyer had six children, three sons and three daughters: Virgil O., deceased; Florence N.; Olive

E., who is the wife of J. A. Frey and resides in Mansfield, Ohio; Victoria; Martin W.; and Harold H., who is connected with the Boyer-Buchman Company in Canton.

Martin W. Boyer attended the public schools of Findlay, Ohio, until graduated from high school in 1899, and then entered Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio. At the age of twenty years he started out to earn his own livelihood, his first position being as a clerk in a local grocery store, at a wage of three dollars a week and "his keep." He was not long satisfied with that position, for he was ambitious, and, coming to Canton, went to work for the Roller Printing Company, with which he gained some valuable experience. His next employment was with Leonard A. Baer, who owned a printing, ruling and binding establishment and dealt in office furniture, stationery and supplies. He remained with Mr. Baer four years and during that period learned all branches of the printing trade, finding in this line of work a congenial vocation. Mr. Boyer sought employment and filled positions in Louisville, Kentucky, Cleveland, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, until 1907, when he returned to Canton and went to work for the Stark Bindery, the predecessor of the present business. In 1910 he became financially interested in the concern and on its incorporation as the Boyer-Buchman Company he was chosen president and general manager, in which office he has remained to the present time. The other officers of the company are Walter H. Buchman, secretary and treasurer, and E. A. Bowman, vice president. The business was incorporated with a capital of two thousand five hundred dollars, and during its history it has passed through several discouraging conditions, having been visited by fire, strikes and periods of financial depression, but Mr. Boyer has persistently and courageously devoted his energies to the business and has seen it develop into a prosperous concern. Growth in business made necessary an increase in capital in 1920 to sixty-five thousand dollars, and today the capital is two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The firm utilizes a floor space of over one hundred thousand square feet and employs an average of fifteen sales people, drawing its patronage from a wide territory. The high quality of its work, modern business methods and prompt and efficient service have given the Boyer-Buchman Company an enviable reputation in the business world and established it firmly in the confidence and good will of all who have dealt with it. In addition to a com-

plete line of general office forms and supplies required among commercial and industrial institutions the firm is distributor for Berger Manufacturing Co. steel office furniture, and Irving-Pitt loose-leaf sheets. Office furniture in wood and steel of every conceivable requirement is sold.

On May 16, 1906, in Canton, Mr. Boyer was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. Wieland, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Joseph P. and Loretta (Pirrong) Wieland, an old and prominent family of this city. Mrs. Boyer is a member of the Canton Women's Club and the MacDowell Club. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are the parents of two children, Mary Margaret, born February 10, 1907, and Josephine Louise, born October 15, 1909. Mr. Boyer gives his political support to the republican party, is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E.; the United Commercial Travelers; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and the Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of the First Christian church, of which he is choir director. His record measures up to a high standard of citizenship and he is recognized as a man whose loyalty to the public welfare has never been questioned, while his integrity and honor in business and private life have gained for him the sincere regard and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### CHARLES J. COREY

Charles J. Corey is vice president and manager of one of the largest and best equipped laundry concerns in northeastern Ohio, the Troy Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, of Canton, which has been in successful operation here for thirty-five years. Since its establishment the business has steadily grown, until today the Troy Laundry ranks among Stark county's leading industrial enterprises. Born in Canton, Ohio, on the 29th of Decemebr, 1876, Charles J. Corey is a son of John C. and Nancy Miller (Cassler) Corey. His father was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in which state he was reared and educated. About 1870 he came to Canton and resided in this city and Massillon to the time of his death. During his active years he engaged in the manufacturing of steam boilers, and met with substantial success. He was a repub-

lican in politics and a man of sterling qualities of character, standing high in public esteem. His wife was born in Carroll, Stark county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Cassler, and her death occurred in 1878. To them were born six children, one of whom died in infancy, while five reached maturity, namely: William, who was a resident of Akron, Ohio, but is now deceased; Joseph A., of Akron; Minnie, who is the wife of Fred Gunning of Akron; Charles J.; and Lewis F., of Canton.

Charles J. Corey attended the public schools of Massillon to the age of twelve years, when he started out to earn his own livelihood. He first worked in the Massillon Steam Laundry, in which he was employed for nine years, receiving thorough training in the laundry business. In 1899 he became identified with the Troy Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, with which he has since been connected. When this company was reorganized and incorporated in 1914, Mr. Corey was made vice president and superintendent, and during the subsequent years has worked indefatigably for its interests. All operating departments of the laundry are under his personal supervision and, being an expert in every branch of the business, he has taken pride in turning out the highest quality of work, and thus has been a most important factor in winning success. The Troy Laundry was first established in 1892 in the old Masonic temple, at the corner of Sixth street and Market avenue north, by Henry F. and Samuel C. Nusly, the establishment at that time consisting of a small and unpretentious plant. However, the proprietors were men of earnest purpose and sound business judgment, took pride in doing good work, and prosperity attended them from the start, the history of the concern being a record of continuous growth, necessitating many enlargements of the plant and the installation of modern machinery. The plant is now one of the most modern in the state, giving employment to over one hundred and fifty people and operating twenty-five motor delivery trucks. Since its incorporation in 1914 the business has been operated on a cooperative basis, and in that year many of the older employees were given stock as a reward for their faithful service. There are today more than twenty-five employees who have been connected with the Troy concern continuously for from ten to thirty years. A branch establishment is maintained at 202 South Erie street, in Massillon. The present officers of the company are, Henry F.

Nusly, president; Charles J. Corey, vice president and superintendent; and Samuel C. Nusly, secretary and treasurer.

On August 9, 1898, in Massillon, Ohio, Mr. Corey was united in marriage to Miss Inez Adams, a native of Massillon and a daughter of Chester and Viola (Herr) Adams. Mrs. Corey passed away and their son Hillard is deceased. The other son, Whitney, born June 17, 1899, married Miss Louise Cramer and they have two children, Charles J., Jr., and Mary Louise. On November 1, 1925, Mr. Corey was married to Mrs. Vera Kintigh, of Canton. She is actively interested in local church, social and civic affairs and is a member of the Ladies Shrine Club and the ladies auxiliary to the Knights Templar. In his political views Mr. Corey is a republican and has shown a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M.; Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland and Canton Chapter, O. E. S., of which he is a past worthy patron. He also belongs to Canton Lodge K. P., of which he is a past chancellor commander, the Canton Rotary Club of which he is president; the Congress Lake Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is manifest in his connection with the First Congregational church of Canton. In his business affairs, Mr. Corey has been progressive, energetic and capable and his course has been characterized by integrity and honor in all of life's relations, so that he has commanded the respect and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

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### FRANK T. BOW

Among the younger attorneys of Canton, none has attained a more enviable place in public regard than Frank T. Bow, whose professional career is already marked by a notable measure of success, while in the civic affairs of his city he has become an influential and prominent factor. Mr. Bow was born in Canton, Ohio, on the 20th of February, 1901, and is a son of Charles C. and Anna (Withrow) Bow. The father was born at Atwater, Portage county, Ohio, and was a son of Benjamin and Mary (Burns) Bow, the former a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, whence he moved to Ohio in an early day, settling in Portage



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county. Charles C. Bow was prominent in Stark county affairs, capably filled a number of county offices, was very active in his support of the republican party and equally interested in civic movements. He died in Canton, May 7, 1915, at the age of fifty-seven years. Anna (Withrow) Bow was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and is a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Pardington) Withrow, the latter a member of an old and honored family of Salineville, Columbiana county, this state, while the Withrow family originally came from England. Mr. and Mrs. Withrow, on coming to Ohio, settled at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, but subsequently removed to Omaha, Nebraska. To Mr. and Mrs. Bow were born three children, two sons and a daughter, the latter now deceased, while the eldest son, Homer C. Bow, is engaged in journalism and now associated with the Canton Repository.

Frank T. Bow received his early education in the district schools of Stark county, continuing his studies at Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana, the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, and Columbia University, in New York city, where he completed a course in law. In December, 1923, he passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice, since which time he has devoted his attention closely to professional work. He has proven a capable and dependable lawyer, being a strong and effective pleader and a sound and safe office counselor, and has gained a well earned reputation and a large clientele.

On May 12, 1922, in Canton, Mr. Bow was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Denzer, a native of Fargo, North Dakota, and a daughter of John and Martha (Wise) Denzer, pioneer settlers of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Bow have an adopted son, Robert Lee Bow. In his political alignment Mr. Bow is a staunch republican, active in support of the party, being at this time chairman of the republican city organization, in which capacity he made a strong fight for the election of C. C. Curtis as mayor. His opponents recognize in him an antagonist of no mean caliber and his genius for organization and leadership is proving a tower of strength for his party. He is a member of the Sigma Pi college fraternity and the University Club of Canton, and his religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church. His offices are in the George D. Harter Bank building and his home is at 807 Twenty-fifth street northwest. Candid and straightforward,

earnest in purpose and fearless and determined in pursuing a course which he believes to be right, he has won the confidence of the people of his city and is regarded as one of its progressive and dependable men.

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### JOHN BRADY BOWMAN

For more than thirty-five years Dean John Brady Bowman has been actively identified with educational affairs, and for the past twenty-six years has been a member of the faculty of Mt. Union College, at Alliance. His learning, his capability as a teacher and his splendid personality have contributed to a noteworthy success and no instructor at Mt. Union commands in a greater degree the confidence and respect of the student body. In the year 1927, in the endowment campaign of the school, the four college classes and the faculty subscribed seventy thousand dollars, and by action of the student body this sum was designated to endow the chair of education in his honor.

Dean Bowman was born near Robertsville, Stark county, Ohio, on the 5th of October, 1865, and is a son of Jonathan and Eliza (Kelley) Bowman. In the paternal line he is of German descent, his great-grandfather, Jacob Bowman, having been a native of Germany, whence, in 1772, he came to America and settled at Hebe, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1829, at the age of seventy-seven years. He followed farming, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, gave his political support to the whig party, and was a member of the Lutheran church. After coming to this country he was married to Miss Susannah Leffinger, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1758 and died at Hebe, that state, in 1827. Among their children was Samuel Bowman, who was born in Northumberland county in 1785, and was there reared and educated. In 1817 he came to Stark county, Ohio, and spent the first year on Nimishillen creek, about one mile from the public square of Canton, later locating on a tract of land in Osna-burg township, where he developed a good farm and there spent his remaining years. He was a deacon in the Lutheran church and supported the whig party. His wife, Magdalena Klinger, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 16, 1790, died on the home farm

in Osnaburg township. They became the parents of Jonathan Bowman, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, December 13, 1821, and died on the Bowman homestead, June 20, 1908. During his early years he was a carpenter and builder but later devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he was successful. He gave his political support to the republican party and was actively interested in local public affairs, having served for twenty-four years as a member of the local and township school board. He was a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church and was held in high regard by all who knew him. Eliza (Kelley) Bowman was born in Stark county, Ohio, July 27, 1827, and died on the Bowman farm March 6, 1906. She was a daughter of Colonel Richard Kelley and his wife, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the mother born near Philadelphia. In an early day they came to Stark county, settling in Osnaburg township, and there spent their remaining years. The father followed farming, was a colonel in the state militia, supported the whig party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Brady Bowman attended the district schools of Osnaburg township and was graduated from Mt. Union Academy in 1888. He then entered Mt. Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892. In 1903 he received from his alma mater the degree of Master of Arts and in 1920 that of Doctor of Pedagogy. He taught Latin and mathematics at Volant College, Volant, Pennsylvania, from 1892 to 1896, and then became president of Mount Hope College, at Rogers, Ohio, where he remained until 1898, when he accepted a call to the presidency of the Northeast Ohio Normal College, which position he filled until 1902, when he joined the faculty of Mt. Union College as professor of education, which chair he has filled continuously to the present time, while since 1912 he has also served as dean of the college.

On August 10, 1892, in Osnaburg township, Stark county, Dean Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Hattie May Wert, who was born March 10, 1867, and was a daughter of the late John B. Wert, of Massillon. Her death occurred at Canfield, Ohio, December 18, 1899, and on June 26, 1901, Dean Bowman was married to Miss Nellie Mae Whitney, who was born December 8, 1874, and is a daughter of Frank M. and Sue (Cottam) Whitney. Her father was born near Piqua, Ohio, in 1843, and died in

New Castle, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1915, while her mother was born April 24, 1841, and now makes her home with her daughter in Alliance. Mr. Whitney was an accountant, gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Bowman was graduated from Westminster College, with the degree of Bachelor of Literature, in 1894, and from the conservatory of music in 1896, after which she taught music prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Mt. Union College Women's Club, the Alliance Women's Club, the San Souci Club and the Campus Circle, and also belongs to the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. Dean Bowman has two sons, Blaine Everett, born March 5, 1895, graduated from the Alliance high school, and from Mt. Union College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1917. He enlisted for service in the World war and was in training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, and Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe. He was commissioned a first lieutenant of Company L, 331st Regiment, and went overseas with the Eighty-third Division, with which he remained until after the Armistice, when he was detailed as a rifle instructor in the 305th Regiment of the Seventy-seventh Division. He is now connected with the Allott Hardware Company, of Alliance. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. He married Miss Jessie M. Allott, of Alliance, in 1917, and they have a son, John Benjamin. The younger son, Donald Whitney Bowman, was born February 6, 1907, graduated from the Alliance high school, and is now a junior in Mt. Union College. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega, Psi Kappa Omega, and Beta Lambda fraternities, the Polygon Club and the Men's Glee Club.

Dean Bowman has always supported the republican party and has been actively interested in public affairs, having served as a member of the borough council at Volant, Pennsylvania. From 1914 to 1917 he was chairman of the Alliance dry organization, and at the same time was vice chairman of the county organization, while during the World war he was secretary of the selective service board No. 2 of Stark county. His religious connection is with the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member of the official board for twenty years, was for the same length of time superintendent of the Sunday school, and is now teacher of the men's Bible class, composed of the freshmen boys

of Mt. Union College. He served for eight years on the board of examiners of the Alliance city schools, and was one of the organizers of the Alliance Playground Association and of the Alliance Summer Bible Schools. He was also one of the organizers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alliance, serving two terms as a member of its board of directors, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a director and vice president of the Midland Savings and Loan Company, of Alliance, and during the war took an active part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He was a member of the Wrangler's Club, the Alliance McKinley Club, the Alpha Tau Omega and the Psi Kappa Omega fraternities, the Ohio State Teachers' Association, the Ohio Society of College Teachers of Education, the American Political Science Association, the National Educational Association and the National Association of Collegiate Registrars. A man of vigorous mentality, deeply devoted to his life work and with a sincere interest in the welfare of the student body, he is one of the most efficient and popular members of the faculty of Mt. Union College, while throughout the community in which he lives he commands the respect and friendship of his fellowmen, who recognize and appreciate the splendid service which he has rendered.

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### FRANK WOODWARD HOOVER

Frank W. Hoover, the able and efficient superintendent of the Alliance City Hospital, is a man of clear-headed judgment, has had extensive business experience, and is handling the affairs of the hospital in a very satisfactory manner. He was born at Tiltonville, Jefferson county, Ohio, on April 8, 1893, and is a son of Rev. J. R. and Mary (Stewart) Hoover. His father, who was born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1849, and died in Zanesville, Ohio, April 12, 1922, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and for thirty years was a member of the East Ohio (now the Northeastern Ohio) conference, in which he held a number of important pastorates. He was a son of Martin L. Hoover, a native of Pennsylvania, who settled in Blair county, that state, in the middle '60s, and in 1870 moved to Massillon, Ohio. He and his son, James Johnson Hoover, were at one time connected

with the Massillon Independent, and later the son was proprietor and editor of the Canal Fulton Signal. Mary (Stewart) Hoover was born at Adamsville, Ohio, May 20, 1863, and died in Alliance July 14, 1914. She was a daughter of John J. and Jane (Doughty) Stewart, the former also born near Adamsville and was a farmer to the time of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Union Army and was killed in a battle in Virginia, in November, 1864. He was a member of the Fairview Methodist Episcopal church and was superintendent of the Sunday school prior to entering the army. His wife, who was born near Adamsville, Ohio, died in Zanesville, at the home of her son-in-law, Harvey C. Smtih, who was secretary of state from 1916 to 1920.

Frank W. Hoover attended the public schools of Alliance, graduating from high school in 1908, and then entered Mt. Union College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He then joined the staff of the Alliance Review, with which he was connected until December 1, 1916, when he was appointed assistant business manager of Mt. Union College, which position he held until May 15, 1917, when he enlisted in the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was in training there for three months, and in the meantime applied for transfer to the aviation service. This was granted and he went into ground school training at Columbus, Ohio, being later sent to Waco, Texas, and Garden City, Long Island. On April 29, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the air service and on August 30, 1918, was sent overseas. He served nine months in England and France, returning from the latter country on June 18, 1919, as commanding officer of the Four Hundred and Eighty-sixth Aero Squadron, and was honorably discharged at Camp Sherman, July 15, 1919. He then became circulation manager of the Times-Recorder at Zanesville, which position he held until October, 1922, when he entered the City Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Alliance, as teller in charge of advertising. On January 1, 1926, Mr. Hoover was appointed superintendent of the City Hospital by Public Safety Director Charles W. Smith, and is rendering a high type of service in that responsible position.

On November 27, 1919, in Alliance, Mr. Hoover was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Mae Purviance, who was born October 7, 1895, and is a daughter of Charles T. and Alice M. (Keller)

Purviance. Her father was born at Smithfield, Ohio, and is now living in Alliance, where he is employed as a salesman by T. W. Cope & Sons. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is an independent voter. His wife is a native of Providence, Rhode Island. Mrs. Hoover is a graduate of the Smithfield high school and attended Mt. Union College. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have two children, Charles P., born December 3, 1920, and Alice Mae, June 17, 1922. The parents are members of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Hoover is a steward. She is a member of the various societies of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which she is actively interested, and belongs to the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. He belongs to the Alliance Kiwanis Club, the Sigma Nu fraternity and the American Legion. He is also a member of the Alliance Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in the welfare of which he is deeply interested. His favorite diversion is the game of tennis, in which he is an expert player, having held the city championship for two years and the Stark county championship in 1925. A man of sterling qualities, marked business ability and high ideals, his record has gained for him an exalted place in public regard, and he is deservedly popular throughout the range of his acquaintance.

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### CARL A. DUNKEL

Carl A. Dunkel, president of the Dunkel & McVey Company, distributors of Buick automobiles in Canton, has had a long and active business career, and came to this city well prepared by training and experience for the successful promotion of the enterprise of which he is the head, and in which prosperity has attended his efforts. Mr. Dunkel was born at Dupont, Jefferson county, Indiana, September 29, 1887, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane (O'Connor) Dunkel. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and is of German descent. He was reared and educated in his native state and spent his active years in the meat business. In 1870, he came to Ohio, locating in Versailles, Darke county, where he died March 14, 1928, having retired from active business about two years ago. He is independent in his political views and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of

his city. His wife was born in Darke county, Ohio, in 1855, and was a daughter of early settlers of that locality, who were of Irish lineage. Mrs. Dunkel died at Versailles in 1909, at the age of fifty-four years. To them were born seven sons and two daughters.

Carl A. Dunkel, the eighth in order of birth, secured his educational training in the public schools of Versailles to the age of sixteen years. In the following year, he went to work for the Adams Express Company, at a wage of forty dollars a month, and continued in the employ of that company for thirteen years. Because of the faithful and efficient service, he received deserved promotions and in 1908 was appointed express agent at Anderson, Indiana, where he remained two years. He was then transferred as agent to Youngstown, Ohio, and after one year was appointed agent at Cleveland, Ohio, serving in that responsible position for seven years, or until March, 1918, when he resigned. Returning to Youngstown, he became a salesman for the Mahoning Buick Company and two years later was made sales manager and vice president of that company, with which he remained until January, 1925, when he sold his interest and, coming to Canton, organized his present business, which was incorporated under the name of the Dunkel & McVey Company, with the following officers: Carl A. Dunkel, president; Thomas M. McVey, vice president; and Howard N. Steele, secretary and treasurer. The company handles the full line of Buick automobiles, which are displayed in a well arranged building at 1124 Market avenue north, and has been very successful in the selling of these well-known cars in this territory. Mr. Dunkel is a wide-awake and progressive business man, absolutely reliable in all of his dealings and has won a well merited reputation for integrity and honor in all of his affairs.

On January 20, 1911, in Anderson, Indiana, Mr. Dunkel was united in marriage to Miss Ethel C. Williamson, who was born and reared in Madison county, Indiana, and is a daughter of J. L. and Elizabeth V. (Babbitt) Williamson, a prominent and well-known family of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel are the parents of a son, born on December 10, 1923. Though he takes a deep interest in public affairs, Mr. Dunkel is independent in his political views, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He is a member of Versailles Lodge No. 303, F. & A. M.; Youngstown Chapter No. 93, R. A. M.; Youngstown Grotto No. 591, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He

and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in everything tending to advance the welfare of the community. Mrs. Dunkel is a member of the La Porte Overt Club. Mr. Dunkel has made steady progress in his business career, is loyal to high ideals in every relation of life, and his record has earned for him the confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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### LAWRENCE ALBERT OFFENBURGER

One of the most valuable and efficient employees of the Central Alloy Steel Corporation in Canton is Lawrence A. Offenburger, who for several years has ably filled the responsible position of yardmaster. A native of Canton, he was born on the 26th of May, 1897, and is a son of Albert and Caroline (Linsey) Offenburger. The father was born in Baden, Germany, October 14, 1858, and died in Canton, June 1, 1918, while the mother was born in Baden, Germany, December 20, 1858, and still resides in Canton. Mr. Offenburger is of the purest German descent in both paternal and maternal lines and seven of his uncles served in the German army. His maternal great-grandfather, Meyer Offenburger, was for many years a school teacher in Germany. The family, which originally came from the city of Offenburgh, formerly used the prefix "von."

Lawrence A. Offenburger attended the Clarendon Avenue grade school in Canton and graduated from the Central high school in 1917. He then enlisted in the service of his country, being a member of Headquarters Company of the Three Hundred and Seventy-ninth Infantry Regiment, of the Ninety-sixth Division, at Camp Sherman, but after three months' service he was honorably discharged on September 5, 1918. He then went to work for the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, in Canton, with which he remained about a year, when he went to the Central Alloy Steel Corporation as burden clerk. A year and a half later he was promoted to yardmaster, in which capacity he is still serving, having full charge of engines and all incoming and outgoing freight.

On May 9, 1925, at Canton, Rev. Blenker performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. Offenburger and Miss Fannie Fern Pratt,

who was born January 24, 1897, and is a daughter of Alphard and Clara Belle (Hunley) Pratt, both of whom were born at Middletown, Ohio, the former August 19, 1871, and latter March 16, 1874. Mrs. Offenburger is a member of the MacDowell Club and is of Pennsylvania German descent. Mr. Offenburger is a democrat in his political belief and is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., and the various branches of the York Rite; and Emeth Lodge of Perfection, Mystic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix, all at Canton, and Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also belongs to Mannheim Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Canton. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Reformed church of Canton and Mrs. Offenburger belongs to its missionary society. Mr. Offenburger is a man of kindly and affable manner, is widely and favorably known throughout the city where he has spent his life and well deserves the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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### JOHN C. HOLZWARTH

The Spring-Holzwarth Company has long been numbered among the leading mercantile establishments of Alliance, and John C. Holzwarth, president of the company, is generally recognized as one of his city's ablest and most influential business men, having been identified with this concern continuously for thirty-four years.

Mr. Holzwarth was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 21, 1867, a son of Ernest and Elizabeth (Held) Holzwarth, who were natives of Germany, the father having been born in Baden in 1838, and the mother in Wurtemberg in 1845. Both are deceased, the father dying at Stone Creek, Ohio, in 1892, and the mother in Tuscarawas county in March, 1891. Ernest Holzwarth was a stone mason and contractor, and he owned farm lands. He served for eighteen months in the Union army during the Civil war, being honorably discharged because of illness. He supported the democratic party, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

John C. Holzwarth attended the district schools of his native county and took a commercial course in a business college at Scio,



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Ohio. In 1886 he became a salesman for Leiser Brothers, who conducted a general store at Stone Creek, and two years later entered the employ of Slade & Company, who were engaged in the creamery business at Port Washington, Ohio. He remained with that concern for three years and then for about six months was employed in the dry goods store of Kellum & Hull Brothers at Norwalk, Ohio. He next became interested in the chain-store business as a member of the firm of Case & Holzwarth, serving as manager of the stores at Bakersville, Linton Mills and Newcomerstown, Ohio, but subsequently sold out and, going to New Philadelphia, was a salesman in S. S. Urfer's dry goods store from February, 1891, to May, 1894. He then bought an interest in the business of Spring Brothers at New Philadelphia, the firm name being changed to Spring Brothers & Holzwarth. In 1896 they moved the business to Alliance, at which time the firm style became The Spring-Holzwarth Company. For seven years the business was located at Main and Arch streets, but in 1904 was moved to its present address, 326-338 East Main street, and in that year was incorporated, Mr. Holzwarth becoming secretary and treasurer of the company. In 1924 Mr. Spring died, his interests being purchased by Mr. Holzwarth, who is now president of the company, while F. C. Baughman is secretary and treasurer. They carry a large and well selected stock of goods and have always commanded their full share of the local trade, due to their sound management and their close attention to the needs and tastes of their customers. They have a branch store at Salem, Ohio, which has proven a successful venture. Mr. Holzwarth is a director in Stewart Brothers Paint Company; is a director and president of the Midland Building and Loan Association of Alliance; is president of James Brothers Coal Company, of Magnolia, which has mines in operation at New Franklin; and treasurer of the Main & Arch Arcade Company.

On September 24, 1893, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, Mr. Holzwarth was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Sherrick, who was born at that place, July 26, 1868, and received her education in its public schools. She is a member of the Alliance Women's Club, the Mount Union College Women's Club, the Ladies Aid Society and the missionary society of her church. Mr. and Mrs. Holzwarth had a daughter, Helen E., who was born in June, 1895, and who died in Alliance in December, 1923. She is survived by her

husband, R. T. Kernoll, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and two children, Sherrick Twist and Russell T., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Holzwarth have an adopted son, John William.

Mr. Holzwarth gives his political support to the democratic party. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias; a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and belongs also to the Rotary Club, the Alliance Country Club, the Congress Lake Club, the Salem Country Club, the Mahoning County Fishing and Outing Club and the Izaak Walton League, being very fond of fishing and hunting. He and his wife are active members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, of which Mr. Holzwarth is a generous supporter and in which he holds the office of elder. During the World war he took a leading part in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and throughout his career has stood consistently for those things which are calculated to advance the best interests of the community along material, civic or moral lines. He is a man of sound judgment and progressive methods and is regarded as one of the able, solid and dependable business men and public-spirited citizens of Alliance.

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### MORRIS J. NUSBAUM

Morris J. Nusbaum, the well known jeweler at 212 Tuscarawas street east, Canton, is a most highly respected citizen and successful business man, who has exemplified in his career the fact that success is not dependent on inherited wealth or influential friends, but is the legitimate outcome of determination, industry and honorable principles. From an humble beginning, through his earnest and well directed efforts he has made steady progress and today is numbered among Canton's leading merchants and most highly regarded men. Mr. Nusbaum was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 17, 1883, and is a son of Irwin and Bertha (Wolfe) Nusbaum, natives of Poland. He received his educational training in the public schools of his native city and at the age of fifteen years went to work as a newsboy, first for the Cleveland World, and later for the Cleveland Leader. In the course of time he received deserved promotions and was wisely economical of his resources, so that in 1907, when twenty-four years of age, he came to Canton and en-

gaged in the retail grocery business, which he continued successfully for several years. In 1910 he established his present business as a jeweler and dealer in musical instruments, beginning with a modest stock. During subsequent years his business has steadily increased, until today he owns one of the leading establishments in his line in Canton.

On February 15, 1910, in Canton, Mr. Nusbaum was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Wolin, a daughter of Moses and Anna (Mendelson) Wolin. She was born in Cleveland, where she was reared and educated. She taught for nine years in the public schools of Canton and is actively interested in the civic affairs of this community, being a member of the Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Nusbaum are the parents of two children, Myron, born September 12, 1911, and Irwin William, April 5, 1919. Mr. Nusbaum owns the comfortable home in which he lives at 1114 Sixteenth street northwest. In his political views he is independent, but maintains an interest in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the progress and prosperity of his home community. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith, and he and his wife are members of the McKinley Avenue Jewish Temple, of which he is treasurer. He makes a favorable impression on all who come in contact with him and is deservedly popular among his associates, who appreciate what he has accomplished and his worth as a man and citizen.

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#### MISS LOUISE C. STRONG

Among the able and highly esteemed members of the Stark county bar is Miss Louise C. Strong, a member of the well known law firm of Hart & Koehler, of Alliance. She possesses to a marked degree the essential attributes of the successful lawyer and commands a large and remunerative clientele. She was born in Alliance on the 19th of December, 1892, and is a daughter of Alonzo Carroll and Livonia P. (Case) Strong. Her father, who was born near North Benton, Mahoning county, Ohio, January 2, 1856, was a son of Alonzo and Elizabeth (Whinnery) Strong, of whom the former was a native of this state and died in Mahoning county. A. C. Strong was a lawyer by profession and practiced in

Alliance to the time of his death in May, 1900. He was a republican in politics and was an adherent of the Presbyterian church. Livonia P. (Case) Strong was born in Mahoning county, February 24, 1855, and is a daughter of Stephen and Amelia (Durrell) Case. Her father was a native of New Jersey and came to Alliance in 1870. He followed farming for a number of years, but later turned his attention to manufacturing. He was a republican in politics. His wife was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and died in Alliance, Ohio.

Miss Strong has two sisters, Mrs. Corinne E. Tice, who was born September 3, 1890, and is a graduate of the Alliance high school, and has one son, Charles Robert Tice; and Thalia E., born September 8, 1895, who is a graduate of the Alliance high school and is now a stenographer in the employ of the McCaskey Register Company, of Alliance.

Louise C. Strong attended the public schools of Alliance, graduating from high school in 1908, and then took up the study of law in the office of Hart & Koehler in Alliance. She was admitted to the bar in 1916 and in that year became a member of the firm with which she had been associated as a student. She has proven a capable and skilled lawyer, commands the respect of her professional colleagues and the confidence of the public and is a member of the Stark County Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association. She is a staunch republican in her political views and served one term as city treasurer of Alliance. Of the Presbyterian church she is an active member and is a teacher in the Sunday school. She belongs to the Alliance Women's Club and, because of her ability, her progressive ideas and helpful public spirit, is regarded as one of the most valuable members of that organization. She enjoys a wide acquaintance in Alliance and is exceedingly popular in the circles in which she moves.

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#### FRED CHARLES PORTER, D. D. S.

Dr. Fred C. Porter is regarded as one of the most proficient dentists in Canton and has built up a large practice among the representative people of the community, among whom he gained quick recognition for his skill and ability. A son of Charles A. and Eliza-

beth (Walker) Porter, he was born at Bristolville, Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1888, and is descended from sterling old English stock, the family having been established in this country prior to the Revolutionary war. The Doctor's great-grandfather came from Vermont to Ohio in pioneer days, and here engaged in farming, which occupation was followed by successive generations of the family. In addition to farming, he also extensively engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil and its by-products. Charles A. Porter was born May 22, 1851, in Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In early life he followed the business of interior decorating, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he is still engaged. Politically he has always been a democrat and has always taken an active part in civic affairs, though never a seeker after public office. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian church. Elizabeth (Walker) Porter was born in 1855 in Champion, Trumbull county, Ohio, and was a daughter of the late Benjamin Walker, an early settler in that locality. He was of Scotch ancestry and was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, whence he came to Trumbull county. Mrs. Porter died at Bristolville in 1902, at the age of forty-seven years. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom one daughter died at the age of five years, while the other children are still living.

Fred C. Porter received his elementary education in the public schools of Warren and Bristolville, Ohio, graduating from the high school in the latter place in 1907. He then entered the dental department of Starling Medical College, at Columbus, and was graduated in 1910, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Youngstown, Ohio, where he was associated with Dr. S. L. Barnes for two years, after which he practiced alone for five years. He then returned to Warren, where he opened an office, which he carried on for two years, when, the United States having entered the World war, he offered his services to the government as a member of the Medical Corps in the Infantry Division, and was assigned to Camp Gordon, where he served in the dental clinic until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. After leaving the army Dr. Porter was at Akron until 1922, when he came to Canton, where he has gained an extensive and remunerative practice.

On December 31, 1925, in Canton, Dr. Porter was united in

marriage to Miss Lulu L. Haines, who was born in Paris township, Stark county, and is a daughter of Isaac R. and Elizabeth (Ream) Haines, of an old and prominent family of that locality. The Haines family is of German origin and was established in Pennsylvania prior to the war of the Revolution. Mrs. Porter's paternal grandparents were Henry and Lydia (Morrow) Haines, the former a successful farmer, as was his son, Isaac R. Henry Haines enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil war and served throughout that conflict. He was a strong abolitionist in principle and a patriot in every sense of the word. Dr. Porter is a democrat in his political views. He is essentially a home man, belonging to no secret orders or social clubs, and after a hard day's professional work chooses to spend the evening in the company of his wife and a few chosen friends and also derives great enjoyment from reading, being fond of history and the classics. Of cordial and friendly manner and possessing an agreeable personality, he is deservedly popular among his associates and acquaintances.

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### CARL V. ROTH

Carl V. Roth, of the Roth Paper Box Company and The Lincoln Printers, of Canton, is a man of outstanding business ability and is meeting with well merited success, due to his energetic and progressive methods. Born in Canton on the 9th of January, 1895, he is a son of Ferdinand L. and Jennie M. (Gueutal) Roth and comes of Swiss ancestry, his paternal grandparents, Beda and Elizabeth (Hug) Roth, who were born and reared in Switzerland, having come to this country in an early day, settling at Navarre, Stark county, where they resided for many years. Later they came to Canton, where the father died. He had learned the trade of carpentering and cabinetmaking in his native land, and followed that line of work in this country, being regarded as an expert workman. He is survived by his widow, who still resides in Canton and is still, despite her years, in good health. Ferdinand L. Roth was born at Solothurn, Switzerland, and was about three months old when the family came to the United States. He was reared in Canton and educated in its public schools, after which he

learned the printing trade, at which he worked as a journeyman until 1918, when he established The Lincoln Printers, at 1000 Market avenue south, which he conducted successfully until his death, which occurred May 1, 1924, at the age of fifty-three years. Politically he was a staunch democrat and took an active interest in political, fraternal and civic affairs, being a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Typographical Union of Canton, of which he was a charter member. His wife was born in Louisville, Stark county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Louis and Catherine Gueutal. Her maternal grandfather was a native of France and was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war. On coming to this country he settled in Stark county, where he resided during the remainder of his life. Mrs. Roth is still residing in Canton and is beloved by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Roth were born seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Carl V. Roth, the eldest of the family, was educated in the public schools of Canton, and then entered the Canton Actual Business College, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then went to work in a clerical capacity for the Berger Manufacturing Company, of this city, but resigned his position a year later and took a similar position with the United Alloys Steel Corporation, with which he remained until the United States became involved in the World war. On September 22, 1917, at Canton, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Three Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment United States Infantry, and on May 19, 1918, was made a corporal. On June 8, 1918, he was sent overseas, serving in France, Italy, Dalmatia and Fiume, taking part in the battle of Vittorio-Veneto, Italy, on October 24, 1918. He returned to the United States April 15, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio, on May 3, 1919. Since returning to Canton he has devoted his attention closely to business affairs and is achieving success in the operation of the plant of the Roth Paper Box Company, at 1000 Market avenue south, where he occupies two floors, fifty by ninety feet, and gives employment to sixteen persons. He has a well equipped plant, supplied with the most modern machinery, and is engaged in manufacturing and printing all kinds of paper boxes, this being the only plant of the kind in Stark county. The Lincoln Printers, which does all kinds of commercial

and job printing, is also an up-to-date concern and commands a large patronage throughout the city.

On December 5, 1925, in Canton, Mr. Roth was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Louise Coombs, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Thomas) Coombs, the former of English ancestry, while the latter is of Welsh descent. Mr. Roth is a democrat in his political views, and is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and Nazir Grotto. He also belongs to the American Legion, and the Forty and Eight, of which he is chef de train, and the Company G, Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry Association, of which he is secretary. His religious connection is with Trinity Reformed church. He is a gentleman of pleasing address and friendly manner and among his acquaintances is held in the highest esteem, because of his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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#### DONALD P. SCHMITT

One of the important business concerns of Canton is the Stark Interior Marble and Tile Company, of which Donald Potts Schmitt is president and treasurer and which has enjoyed a steady and substantial increase in business during the eight years of its existence. Mr. Schmitt was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of June, 1892, and is a son of John H. and Amelia (Thomas) Schmitt. The father, who is of German descent, was born in Pittsburgh and now lives in Los Angeles, California, while the mother, who was of Welsh ancestry, died September 20, 1912.

Donald P. Schmitt attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and Oakmont, graduating from high school in 1910, and then entered Pennsylvania State College, where he majored in agriculture, being graduated in 1914. He then began his identification with building construction interests by becoming an apprentice in the marble business in Pittsburgh, in which line he was employed until July 19, 1918, when he enlisted in the United States Navy. He was made a chief gunner's mate and was assigned to the United States steamship "Bridgeport," on which he served until after the close of the war, when he was transferred to the department of the Belgian relief commission and was put in charge of reconstruction work on the northern front. In August, 1919, he

returned to the United States, landing at Boston, where his active service ended, though he did not receive his formal discharge until August 7, 1922. In June, 1920, Mr. Schmitt came to Canton and organized the Stark Interior Marble and Tile Company, which was incorporated in September of that year, and of which he is president and general manager. They were first located in the Schaeffer block but subsequently moved to 122 Court avenue southwest, where they maintain offices and show rooms. This has become one of the best known concerns in its line in northeastern Ohio and has satisfactorily handled a large number of important contracts, among which may be mentioned the McKinley high school building, the First National Bank building and the Stern & Mann building, all in Canton. And the Stanley Theatre, Clark building and Park Mansions Apartments in Pittsburgh and other large and smaller contracts.

On September 17, 1924, in Trinity Lutheran church in Canton, Dr. Herman pronounced the words that united Mr. Schmitt and Miss Margaret Marie George, who was born at Carrollton, Ohio, on February 28, 1900, and is a daughter of Herbert and Anna (Beiter) George. Mr. Schmitt has always given his political support to the republican party and has shown deep interest in the welfare of his community. He is a charter member of Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M.; and his further Masonic connections are with Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Emeth Lodge of Perfection, Mystic Council Princes of Jerusalem, Brenton Chapter of the Rose Croix, Nazir Grotto at Canton, and Lake Erie Consistory, at Cleveland, A. A. S. R.; Syria Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He likewise belongs to Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E. He also belongs to the Lakeside Shrine Club, Kiwanis Club, Canton Real Estate Board, Canton Builders Exchange, Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Club, and he and his wife are earnest members of Trinity Lutheran church of Canton. Mrs. Schmitt is a member of the Oriental Shrine Club, the Ladies Knight Templar Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is prominent in local music circles, being one of the leading members of the choir at Trinity church. Mr. Schmitt is a man of marked business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, and is held in high

regard in the business circles of Canton, while, socially, he and his wife are extremely popular among their associates.

John Henry Schmitt, Jr., was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1891, and attended the public schools of Oakmont, a suburb of that city, where he graduated from high school. He studied chemistry and metallurgy for three years in the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Technical Institute, after which he became connected with the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, serving in an advisory capacity for six years. On December 6, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a fireman, was later promoted to first class gunners mate, and served until September 10, 1919, when he was honorably discharged. He is a member of Guthrie Lodge, No. 691, F. & A. M., of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Pittsburgh. On November 20, 1925, he married Miss Portia May Cocklin, who was born at Dalton, Ohio, and is of French and Irish extraction, being a daughter of Jacob W. and Bertha C. (Welton) Cocklin, of Wilmot, Ohio, the former deceased, while the latter now resides in Canton. Mr. Schmitt has given his close attention to the Stark Interior Marble and Tiling Company, of which he is secretary, and has been an important factor in its success.

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### PAUL WILLIAM HARTUNG

Paul William Hartung, who fought for his country in the World war, is now an important factor in the industrial life of Canton and a typical young business man of the present age—alert, well poised and capable. He was born in this city on the 9th of November, 1889, and is a son of Lewis B. and Mary (Balsen) Hartung. A native of Germany, his father was born in Kempton, Bavaria, in 1851, and in that country was reared and educated. In 1871 he sought the opportunities of the United States, settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1874 came to Canton, where he has since resided. In Germany he had learned the machinist's trade, which he followed in the country of his adoption for fifteen years, and during much of that period was in the employ of the Aultman Company. On severing his relations



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with that firm Mr. Hartung became a plumber and was successfully engaged in that business for twenty years. In 1908, when the Canton Pressed Brick Company was reorganized and the style was changed to the Belden Brick Company, Mr. Hartung joined the firm and on the death of H. S. Belden, the founder of the business, succeeded him in the office of president, which he has since occupied. Endowed with executive ability of a higher order, he has influenced Canton's commercial development to a notable extent and is classed with America's "captains of industry." In politics he is a Democrat but not a strong partisan and votes according to the dictates of his judgment. He is a consistent member of the First Reformed church and along fraternal lines is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was born in Warren, Ohio, and represents an old family of Trumbull county, this state. When a child of two she came to Canton with her parents, Casper and Louisa (Keck) Balser, and in this city she was reared, educated and married. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartung were born four children, one of whom died in infancy, while another daughter died at eighteen years. Those now living are Paul William; and Marie Frances, who is the wife of G. B. French, of Philadelphia, Pa.

In the local schools Paul W. Hartung received his education. When thirteen years old he organized the Canton Marine Band (to many of the older Cantonians it was known as the "kid band"). Under his leadership it grew from a small eight-piece band to a musical organization comprising fifty boys. During the Dedication of the McKinley Memorial Monument Theodore Roosevelt honored this band by choosing it to escort him. At the age of seventeen he began his commercial career as a bookkeeper for the firm of L. B. Hartung & Company, dealers in hardware, plumbing and mill supplies. He remained with the firm until the business was sold and since 1908 has been treasurer of the Belden Brick Company. The industry was started by H. S. Belden in a small building in 1883 and from this nucleus have been developed five large plants. The parent institution is situated in Canton and the branches are located in Uhrichsville, Somerset and Port Washington, Ohio. About five hundred persons are employed by the firm and the approximate volume of its annual output is one hundred million brick. The men who control the industry have always adhered to a high standard of production and this is today

one of the largest corporations engaged in the manufacture of face brick in the United States. The business extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and as far west as the Rocky mountains. In the conduct of this vast enterprise Paul W. Hartung has long been a vital factor and in addition to his duties as treasurer of the business in Canton he acts as secretary and treasurer of the Belden Face Brick Company of Port Washington, while his name also appears on the directorate of the Canton Bank & Trust Company.

On June 12, 1920, Mr. Hartung was married in Canton to Miss Leona Hilty, a native of the city and a daughter of Edward and Jessie (Jackson) Hilty. Mr. and Mrs. Hartung are the parents of three children: Marilyn Louise, who was born October 13, 1921; Beverley Mae, whose birth occurred March 30, 1924; and Paul Lewis, born August 12, 1927, all natives of Canton.

The family home is at Woodcliff and West Morland, in Avondale, and Mr. Hartung's office is situated at No. 700 Tuscarawas street, west. In 1917 he responded to the call to arms and was assigned to duty with the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment of United States Infantry. For fourteen months he was stationed abroad, participating in the Piave drive in Austria and other engagements of importance, and on May 26, 1919, was honorably discharged, at which time he was a noncommissioned sergeant. He belongs to the American Legion and to the Lakeside Country, Canton and Exchange Clubs. Mr. Hartung is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, is a member of the First Reformed church and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. A young man of fine character and pleasing personality, he has won the esteem of many friends and his record is a credit to an honored family name.

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#### CHARLES H. WILLS

Charles H. Wills is conducting a large and prosperous business at 1442 Tuscarawas street east, Canton, having one of the leading sheet metal enterprises here. His present position has been attained by perseverance along definite lines and the exercise of sound judgment in all of his affairs and he has well earned the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellowmen. Mr. Wills

was born in Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 2d of April, 1870, and is a son of George and Wilhelmina (Westerfield) Wills. His father, who was of German descent, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1839, and belonged to an old Pennsylvania family. He was reared and educated in his native city and in 1867 came to Ohio, settling at Salem. He was a moulder by trade and followed that occupation to the time of his death. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union Army and at the expiration of his first term reenlisted and served to the end of the war. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Baptist church. His death occurred at Salem, Ohio, May 16, 1909, at the age of seventy years. His wife, who was of German ancestry, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a daughter of John and Wilhelmina Westerfield. Her death occurred in the spring of 1871. There were born two children, Charles H. and John Edward, the latter now deceased.

Charles H. Wills attended the public schools of Salem and at the age of sixteen years became an apprentice to the sheet metal trades. In 1896 he came to Canton and went to work for the Eller Manufacturing Company, with which he remained until 1911, when, ambitious for an independent career, he engaged in the sheet metal business on his own account, and his record since then has been one of continued success. He does all kinds of sheet metal work and installs furnaces, and the high quality of the service he has rendered has gained for him the confidence of all who have patronized him. He is energetic and wide-awake in his methods, maintains a well equipped establishment and is prepared to handle contracts of any size or character in his line. He has prospered in his material affairs and was one of the incorporators of the Northern Hotel Company, of which he is a director.

On October 28, 1891, at Salem, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wills to Miss Mary Donley, who was born at Leetonia, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Donley, of a prominent and well known family of that locality. Mrs. Wills is a member of the Pythian Sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Wills have an adopted son, George. Mr. Wills gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed through the chairs; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Sons of Veterans; the Triangle Club and the Willowdale Country Club. He and his wife

are earnest members of the First Congregational church and give their support to all worthy benevolent causes. Mr. Wills has devoted his efforts closely to his business interests, in which he has shown sagacity and sound judgment, and in all of his affairs has been actuated by right principles, so that the success which is crowning his labors is well merited.

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### ROYAL EDGAR PFOUTS, D. D. S.

Dr. Royal E. Pfouts, has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Canton for more than twenty years and during this period has earned a well established reputation for professional skill and ability, through which he has gained a large and representative patronage. Dr. Pfouts was born on a farm near Wilmot, Holmes county, Ohio, December 13, 1880, and is a son of John and Samantha Ann (Beidler) Pfouts. The family is originally of Swiss origin and the name was spelled "Pfautz." Members of the family migrated to the northern part of Italy, and from that locality came the American progenitor, who ran away from his home in boyhood and, in order to secure his passage to this country sold himself to a worthy sea captain, who employed him on the sailing vessel until they reached America, when the Captain, in turn, sold the lad to an old Quaker farmer in Pennsylvania for a bondage of five years. On the expiration of that period the Quaker deeded to the young man a quarter section of land in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which he farmed successfully. He became noted as a great hunter and trapper, won the respect of the Indians of that locality and became a close friend of the chief of the tribe, whom he presented with a rifle. In appreciation of the gift and in token of his regard, the chieftain named the valley in which was located the Indian village "Pfoutz's Valley," which name it still bears. Among the descendants of this emigrant was Reuben Pfouts, grandfather of Dr. Royal E. Pfouts, who in 1812 migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio. He and his good wife traveled on horseback and all their worldly possessions were carried in their saddlebags. Arriving in Stark county, they settled on a tract of land near Wilmot and there built a log cabin. Afterwards Mr. Pfouts preempted the half section of land on which he had located,

receiving from President James Monroe the patent thereto, and which was inscribed on a sheepskin. This farm was in the possession of the family continuously until 1922, when the Doctor sold it, owing to its lack of care by tenant farmers and the demand of his interests in other directions. Reuben Pfouts was the father of John Pfouts, who was born on the Stark county farm on May 12, 1832. He was there reared and educated and, following the example of his forebears, devoted his efforts to agricultural pursuits. He was a republican and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died at his home in the spring of 1904, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and when she was but three years old her parents died, so that, having no other relatives, she had no knowledge of her family history. She was reared and educated in Holmes county and by her marriage became the mother of nine children, all of whom reached maturity: Alice, Hamet, Frank, Edna, Ira and Adrian, all of whom are deceased; Dr. Orion B., and D. Royal E. who are associated in practice; and John J., who is a successful jeweler and optometrist in Canton.

Royal E. Pfouts attended the district school near Wilmot and graduated from the Wilmot high school in 1900. He remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age and on completing his high school course entered Wooster College. On leaving that institution he engaged in teaching school, following that vocation for three years, during which period he taught in the schools of Benton, Holmes county, and Justus, Millport and Wilmot, Stark county. In this way he earned the means to continue his education and entered the Ohio Dental College, at Cincinnati, which he attended to his junior year, when he became a student in the dental school of Northwestern University, at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1907. Immediately afterward he came to Canton and began the practice of his profession, which he has since followed with marked success.

On October 12, 1911, in Canton, Dr. Pfouts was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Alexander, who was born at Wooster, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Henry and Mamie (Glasgow) Alexander. She is a member of the Women's Club of Canton. Dr. and Mrs. Pfouts are parents of three children: Alice Elizabeth, born July 1, 1912, William Alexander, October 23, 1917, and

Frederick J., February 18, 1922. In his political affiliation the Doctor is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Cleveland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Rotary Club, the Canton Club, the Lakeside Shrine Club and the Congress Lake Club. He has been secretary and in 1927 was president of the Stark County Dental Society, and is also a member of the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. During the World war Dr. Pfouts rendered effective service as a member of the dental examining board. He is a director of the Canton Collateral Loan Company of this city. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton and are deeply interested in everything relating to the civic and moral welfare of the community. The Doctor bears quite a reputation as a big game hunter, frequently visiting the wilds of Canada in quest of the large game of the forests, and is also a golf enthusiast. Of cordial and affable manner he is deservedly popular among his associates, while throughout the community he is held in high regard because of his professional ability and his sterling qualities.

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#### HERMAN L. SAMBLANET, D. O.

Prominent in the professional circles of Stark county stands Dr. Herman L. Samblanet, of Canton, who is regarded as one of the leading osteopaths of this section of the state and enjoys a large and remunerative practice. He was born in Louisville, Stark county, October 22, 1888, and is a son of August and Jennie (Frantz) Samblanet. His paternal grandparents were Michael and Emily Samblanet, both of whom were natives of Chamoniux, France, whence they came to the United States, settling in Stark county during the later '40s. Here Mr. Samblanet took up a tract of unimproved land and while engaged in clearing it was so seriously injured by a falling tree that he died soon afterward. August Samblanet was born in Stark county, received a public school education, and afterward successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, but is now practically retired from active pursuits. He has always given his political support to the democratic party and is helpfully interested in local public affairs. He is a devout

member of the Roman Catholic church and has stood consistently for all that is uplifting in human relations. To him and his wife were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom one daughter died in infancy.

Herman L. Samblanet, who is the fifth in order of birth in the family, received his early education in the public and parochial schools and graduated from the Louisville high school in 1908. He then engaged in teaching school at Harrisburg, where he remained three years, after which he spent a year as a traveling salesman. He then enlisted as a hospital apprentice in the United States Navy, for a period of four years, and was honorably discharged October 15, 1915, with the rank of chief pharmacist's mate. This proved a valuable experience for him and on returning to civil life he entered the service of the Miller-Blanchard Company, funeral directors of Canton, in the capacity of ambulance surgeon. Later he was connected with the United Alloy Steel Corporation in first aid work for a period of two years. He left that position to enlist in the United States Army, his previous experience gaining for him an assignment to Base Hospital Seventy-seven, at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe. He was sent overseas with that unit, his first location being at Beaune, France, where he remained but a short time, being sent to the front lines to Evacuation Hospital, No. 1, where he was assigned to the operating team, remaining there until the signing of the Armistice. He was discharged from the service with the rank of hospital sergeant and then went to Chicago, where he attended the Chicago College of Osteopathy, from which he was graduated with the D. O. degree in 1923. He at once returned to Canton, where he has followed his profession to the present time, having a large and steadily growing practice, employing several assistants. He has a well equipped office in the Harter Bank building.

On December 23, 1919, in Chicago, Dr. Samblanet was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Mitchell, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel Mitchell. Mrs. Samblanet is a member of the Canton Women's Club, the Sorosis Club and the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Club. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Samblanet was a registered nurse, being a graduate of the Ingelside Nursing School. The Doctor is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and is serving on its ways and means committee. He is also connected with the Ohio

State Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; the American Legion, the Shady Hollow Country Club and the Knights of Columbus, while he and his wife are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. He is deeply devoted to his professional work, in which he has gained a high reputation, while as a citizen he stands for all that is best in the life of his community, so that he commands to a marked degree the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### GLENN S. DONALDSON

Glenn S. Donaldson, manager of the Alliance branch of the Holland Furnace Company, has in various positions of responsibility proven a capable and efficient business man and since coming to this city has gained the respect of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Donaldson was born at Munroe Falls, Summit county, Ohio, on the 25th of January, 1896, and is a son of John Frank and Barbara (Spriggle) Donaldson. His father was born near Canton, Stark county, in 1858, and died in Munroe Falls, October 14, 1904. He was a farmer, supported the republican party, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a man of excellent personal qualities, commanding the confidence of his fellowmen. He was a son of William and Elizabeth (Bower) Donaldson, who also were natives of Stark county, and settled at Munroe Falls, where Mr. Donaldson engaged in farming, and there they passed away. Barbara (Spriggle) Donaldson was born at Munroe Falls, March 30, 1866, and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Spriggle, who were natives of Pennsylvania and died at Munroe Falls, where Mr. Spriggle had followed blacksmithing. He was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, gave his political support to the democratic party and he and his wife were members of the German Reform church.

Glenn S. Donaldson attended the public schools at Munroe Falls, graduated from the high school at Cuyahoga Falls in 1914, and attended Akron University two and a half years. On September 23, 1917, he enlisted for the World war, and was in training at Camp Sherman, Ohio, until May 25, 1918, when he was transferred to Camp Merritt, New York. He went overseas as a

member of Company F, Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry Regiment, and was on foreign soil for eleven months. From France he was sent to Italy, where he served with the Italian forces in the Venetian sector. After the Armistice he served with the army of occupation in Montenegro for two months. While on foreign soil he served with the only company of the entire American Expedition Forces that saw service in the following countries: France, Italy, Austria and Montenegro. His particular company put down an insurrection in Montenegro and had the singular distinction of having President Wilson sign an order to take them out after that mission was thru and also issued orders to have Captain Southworth, commanding officer, released and brought to France to preside at the peace conference. He was used as authority on the Balkan situation. The 332nd Infantry Regiment was sent to Italy for propaganda purposes, to parade and show the Italians the United States was coming to help. After much parading, etc., they were sent into the trenches and took part in the final drive which crushed Austria and Germany on the Italian front. Good authorities say that the 332nd Regiment did more to raise the morale of the Italian soldiers than anything that could have happened. In Italy, he embarked for home, and was honorably discharged, with the rank of sergeant, at Camp Sherman, May 3, 1919. He then went to Barberton, Ohio, where he became foreman for the B. & W. Company, makers of boilers and heaters, remaining with that concern for five years, and then accepted a position as foreman for the Akron Rubber Mold & Machine Company, at Akron. Eighteen months later he became a salesman in Akron for the Holland Furnace Company, of Holland, Michigan, and later became manager of their Akron office. After three years with that company in Akron, Mr. Donaldson was transferred on January 1, 1928, to Alliance as branch manager, which position he is now filling in a most acceptable manner.

On April 12, 1918, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Vallah Sauer, who was born in Orrville, Ohio, May 22, 1895, and is a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Wecht) Sauer, the former born near Orrville and the latter near Dalton, Ohio, and now living at Orrville, where Mr. Sauer is engaged in the livestock business. He is a democrat and he and his wife are members of the German Reform church. Mrs. Don-

aldson, who was educated in the public schools of Orrville, was office girl for the Goodrich Rubber Company prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Congregational church and of the Margaret Park Home School League. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are the parents of a son, Tom Henry, born June 28, 1923. Mr. Donaldson is a staunch adherent of the republican party, is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a gentleman of pleasing address and strong personality, is energetic and wide-awake in his business methods and has well earned the success which he enjoys.

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#### CHARLES LENTZ

One of the highly respected business men of Canton is Charles Lentz, proprietor of the West Side Furnace Company, at 2417 Fourth street northwest, in the management of which he has achieved a distinctive success. Mr. Lentz well deserves that peculiarly American title, "self-made man," for his early years were anything but favorable to his progress, but his grim determination and fearless courage brought him through conditions that would have discouraged one of less mettle, and today he holds an honorable and independent position in the business world. Mr. Lentz was born at Dover, Ohio, on the 7th of July, 1887, and is a son of John and Clara (Reichard) Lentz, the former born in Germany.

Charles Lentz attended the first grade of the public school at Dover, after which he attended the rural schools near that place. His uncle, Fred Aumman, of New Philadelphia, placed him out with John Myers, of Bolivar, Ohio, where he remained for two years, attending the Riverside school until he was twelve years of age, when, through the intervention of neighbors, he was taken away from Mr. Myers because of the latter's cruelty. During the remainder of that winter he lived with his uncle and attended the public schools at New Philadelphia. In the spring his uncle placed him with George Pinstock, at Bolivar, and he remained there two years, attending the Bender school, which was taught by Homer Black, now a prominent Canton lawyer. Then another uncle, Jerry



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Calenine, stole him away from Mr. Pinstock, as he was old enough to be of material help on the farm. He remained with his uncle until he was eighteen years of age, attending the Henlin school, and then his uncle died and he was kicked out and from that time on was compelled to rely on his own resources. He went to work for John Siffert, who lived on the Canton-Bolivar road, where he remained fourteen months, after which he worked on the Carnes farm, in North Canton, where he remained for two years. Ambitious for a career that offered some opportunity for advancement, Mr. Lentz then came to Canton and started to learn the trade of stationary engineering at the C. Aultman plant, but the company suspended operations shortly afterwards and, borrowing a truck from Frank Downs, of Canton, Mr. Lentz hauled coal all winter. In the spring he went to work for Charles Spangler, with whom he learned the sheet metal trade. Later he entered the employ of the Freedom Oil Company as a salesman, following that line for five and a half years, and during the World war period was employed as foreman by the Canton Steel Foundry Company. He was later with Lew Motz for four years, after which he formed a partnership with A. R. Paul, under the firm name of Lentz & Paul, and engaged in the sheet metal business. They continued together until November, 1925, when Mr. Lentz bought his partner's interest and has since carried the business on under the name of the West Side Furnace Company. The steady and substantial growth of the trade compelled him to seek larger quarters and in the summer of 1927 he moved his business to its present location, where he has a well equipped workshop, an attractive showroom and a large garage. He has the agency for the Twentieth Century furnace, in the sale of which he has met with success, so that this has become the main feature of his business. However, in addition to repairing furnaces, he does all kinds of sheet metal work. He employs three trucks and gives prompt and efficient service.

On October 18, 1909, Mr. Lentz married Miss Gaynell Brothers, who was born at Mineral City, Ohio, May 14, 1889, and is a daughter of George and Emma (Steiner) Brothers. Her father died January 19, 1926, and her mother is now residing at East Sparta, Ohio. Mrs. Lentz is a member of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies of the United Brethren church in Canton and is popular in social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz are the

parents of two children: Kenneth Charles, born May 9, 1911, a junior in the McKinley high school; and Bernice, born October 31, 1913, now in grammar school. In his political affiliation Mr. Lentz is a staunch republican, while he and his wife are earnest members of the United Brethren church. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Sheet Metal Contractors Association, the Builders Exchange and the Canton Real Estate Board. Mr. Lentz has led a life of industry and usefulness, idleness being foreign to his nature, and his accomplishments represent the results of his persistent efforts along rightly directed lines, backed by strict integrity in motive and action. Because of his worthy life and splendid personal qualities, he is held in high regard throughout the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### HERSCHEL E. DEAL, D. D. S.

Dr. Herschel E. Deal is regarded as one of the most capable and skillful dentists in Canton, which fact accounts for the large practice which he enjoys, while in the sphere of private citizenship his record has gained for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen. Dr. Deal was born at Wilmot, Stark county, Ohio, on the 21st of October, 1872, and is a son of John and Anna Belle (Kohr) Deal. His father, who was of German descent, was a native of this state, received a good public school education and throughout his active life devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He served during the Civil war under Captain Johnston, gave his political support to the republican party and was a devout member of the United Brethren church. His wife was born at Winfield, Union county, Pennsylvania, and was a member of one of the old families of that state, of German descent. To this worthy couple were born four children, three daughters and a son.

Dr. Deal received his early education in the country schools near Wilmot and graduated from the Wilmot high school in 1891. He remained on his father's farm until he had attained his majority, when he began teaching school, being thus employed one year in Holmes county and one year in Wayne county. He then took up the study of pharmacy, to which he devoted several years at Dover and Columbus. During three winters and two summers he engaged in the sale of drugs and surgical instruments but resigned that position to become a traveling representative of the Bailey Drug Company, of Zanesville, Ohio. One year later he joined the firm of Nelson, Baker & Company, pharmaceutical

manufacturers of Columbus, and sold its products until the fall of 1898, when he resigned his position and entered the College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1901. He began his professional work as an associate with Dr. Adrian Pfouts, at East Liverpool, Ohio, with whom he remained for about eighteen months, when he came to Canton, where he has since been engaged in the practice of dentistry, with very satisfactory professional and financial results.

At East Liverpool, Ohio, Dr. Deal was united in marriage to Miss Lavinia J. Hancock, who was born in Staffordshire, England, and is a daughter of Thomas and Sabina (James) Hancock, also born in England. Her father was an expert decorator of china and pottery, gaining considerable note in that work. He received many distinctive honors at exhibitions and on one occasion at an exhibition in London he received a gold medal, the highest award, for his creative and decorative work. Mrs. Deal is a member of the United Brethren church, in which she holds a minister's license, and is widely known as an evangelist. During the past sixteen years she has assisted and preached at hundreds of revival services, having worked in conjunction with over two hundred ministers. In reference to her work, Mrs. Deal recently said, "During the 'Billy' Sunday campaign, sixteen years ago, I decided to enter the evangelistic field. It was during the singing of a hymn, 'Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?' that the decision came. I led many morning prayer meetings during that meeting, and later went to other Sunday meetings to assist. For three years I spoke every noon in the industrial plants of the city, serving as factory extension worker for the local Young Women's Christian Association." Dr. and Mrs. Deal have four children, Herschel John, Richard Agler, Anna Ruth Pauline and Susan Alice.

Dr. Deal is a staunch republican and takes a deep interest in matters affecting the welfare of his city and county. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose, and maintains professional affiliation with the Stark County Dental Society, the Northern Ohio Dental Association, the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. His religious connection is with the First United Brethren church, to which he gives generous

support, as he does also to all worthy benevolent causes. A man of sterling character and earnest purpose, his record has gained for him the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen and he is an honor to his profession and to the city in which he lives.

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#### SYLVESTER L. AGNONE, M. D.

Though one of the younger members of the medical profession in Canton, Dr. Sylvester L. Agnone has clearly demonstrated his high qualifications for his life work and is building up a large practice. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, February 20, 1895, and is the third in order of birth of the five children of Frank and Philomina (Darling) Agnone. His father was born in Naples, Italy, in September, 1859, and was there reared and educated. In 1878 he came to the United States, settling in Youngstown, where he successfully engaged in the banking business, remaining a resident of that city to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Roman Catholic church. His wife, also a native of Naples, Italy, came to this country in 1880, her marriage to Mr. Agnone occurring in Youngstown, where she is still living.

Sylvester L. Agnone attended the public schools of Youngstown until graduated from high school in 1915, and then entered Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he matriculated in the medical school of his alma mater and won the M. D. degree in 1922, after which he served fourteen months as interne in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Youngstown. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in that city, remaining there until February 4, 1926, when he located in Canton, where he has since conducted a general practice, his ability and skill gaining him a high place in public confidence.

On June 22, 1927, in Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Agnone was united in marriage to Miss Marie Florence Lyons, who was born in Sharon, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of

John Lyons of an old and well known family of that locality. Mrs. Agnone was a registered nurse prior to her marriage, being a graduate of the Huron Road Hospital, in Cleveland. Dr. Agnone gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters at Canton, of which he is a past chief ranger. He belongs to the Canton Medical Library Association, the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He and his wife are devout members of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic church of Canton. The Doctor is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps, from which he was honorably discharged on December 12, 1919. Possessing a strong personality and a cordial and friendly manner, he has gained a wide acquaintance since coming to Canton and all who know him hold him in high regard.

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#### ARTHUR J. KNOEFLER

Arthur J. Knoefler, an able and efficient district manager for the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Canton, deserves a large meed of credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life handicapped by a lack of education, and has fought his own way, despite all obstacles, to his present success, his attainments including a thorough self-attained education. Mr. Knoefler was born in Akron, Summit county, Ohio, on the 31st of October, 1873, and is a son of Julius L. and Antonia (Garner) Knoefler. His parents were born in Germany, the father November 21, 1842, and the mother April 20, 1848, and they were reared and married in that country. Mr. Knoefler was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war and soon after its close he and his wife came to the United States, locating first in Akron, Ohio, where they lived until 1880, when they moved to West Farmington, Ohio, where Mr. Knoefler engaged in the flour milling business, meeting with success. His death occurred February 21, 1893, at the age of fifty-two years, and his widow now lives at Lakewood, Ohio. Mr. Knoefler was made an American citizen in Akron, was a democrat in his political views and took an active interest in local public affairs, having served for a number of

years as a member of the school board at West Farmington. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Jesse, deceased; Arthur J.; Edna, who is married and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana; Ella, who is the wife of Arthur Smith and lives in Lakewood, Ohio; Anna, deceased; Arnold, who lives in Boulder, Colorado; Corina; and Burt, deceased.

Arthur J. Knoefler was reared at home and before he was twelve years of age was put to work in his father's mill, being thus deprived of the opportunity to attend school, but he did obtain there a first-hand, practical knowledge of machinery and engineering. He remained with his father until twenty years of age, when he took a trip to the west, and there became a cowboy, riding the range on large ranches in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. After about four years, he returned to Ohio in 1895, locating in Cleveland, where he became an apprentice to the machinist's trade. At the end of five years, he went to Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade for one year and then became connected with the Clark Safe and Vault Company, at Elizabeth, being employed as an expert. In April, 1904, he came to Canton and was with the Diebold Safe and Lock Company as an expert for five years. Resigning that position he took up expert work with the United Alloy Steel Corporation, at Canton, with which he remained for four years, and in 1911 he went to work for the Ohio State Life Insurance Company as a special salesman. He soon demonstrated his unusual ability as a life insurance man and two years later was appointed district manager, which position he is still filling, having his office at 301 First National Bank building, Canton. In this position he has made a splendid record, the volume of business in his territory having shown a constant and appreciable increase during each year of his management.

On May 15, 1923, in Canton, Mr. Knoefler was united in marriage to Miss Clara O. Howenstein, who was born at Howenstein, Stark county, Ohio, and is a member of one of the pioneer families of that locality. Mr. Knoefler is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P., and Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E., while his religious connection is with the Baptist church. Realizing his lack of an education, Mr. Knoefler early started to study and read, forming a habit which he has never relinquished and today

he is a well informed and cultured man, conversant with the best literature. Possessing an agreeable personality, he is a companionable gentleman, commanding the respect and good will of all who come in contact with him. He has manifested a keen interest in the welfare and progress of his community and is numbered among Canton's progressive and reliable business men.

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### HOWARD M. BERGERT

One of the leading druggists of Alliance is Howard M. Bergert, member of the firm of Bergert & Noble, at 250 East Main street, whose business record has gained for him the respect of all who know him. Mr. Bergert was born in Canton, Ohio, on the 18th of October, 1887, and is a son of Daniel S. and Belinda (Bowman) Bergert. His father was born in Carroll county, Ohio, and died in Canton in October, 1920, at the age of seventy-six years. He had followed farming, was a member of the Reformed church, voted the democratic ticket and took an active part in local public affairs, having served on the school board of Bethlehem township. His wife was born at North Industry, Ohio, and died in Canton, March 6, 1914, at the age of sixty-four years. She was a daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Runyan) Bowman, who lived near North Industry. During the Civil war Mr. Bowman was drafted for military service, but his eldest son, Curtis Bowman, went as his substitute, and died on his way home after being released from Libby prison. Jacob Bowman was a farmer and a republican in politics.

Howard M. Bergert attended the district schools of Bethlehem township and the high school at Navarre, after which he entered the University of Pittsburgh and won the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1909. Returning to Canton, he was employed as a pharmacist in drug stores until October 18, 1915, when he came to Alliance and engaged in the drug business in partnership with John W. Noble, under the firm name of Bergert & Noble, at 238 East Main Street. They met with encouraging success and in 1919 moved to their present location at 250 East Main street, where they have a well stocked and up-to-date store and are commanding a large patronage, due to their careful and painstaking

attention to the needs and tastes of their customers. Mr. Bergert is a director in the Peoples Bank Company of Alliance.

Mr. Bergert was married, September 11, 1912, in Canton, to Miss Mary J. Carson, who was born in Minerva, Ohio, on September 14, 1890, and is a daughter of John and Celeste (Kurtz) Carson. She is descended from sturdy old Irish stock, her great-grandfather, John Carson, having been a native and lifelong resident of Ireland. He was the father of Samuel Carson, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1788, there married Miss Mary Aiken, while in 1834 he brought his wife and ten children to the United States, settling in Carroll county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, his death occurring there in 1859. He was a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife also died in Carroll county. They were the parents of John Carson, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, July 15, 1819, and died in Minerva, Ohio, March 19, 1903. He had devoted his active years to agricultural pursuits and was a member of the Presbyterian church in his religious faith. A democrat in his political belief, he was prominent and influential in local public affairs, having served for twenty years as trustee of his township and was tendered the nomination for county commissioner, but declined to run for the office. He served as an elder in his church for fourteen years and was a man of strong character and upright life. His wife was born at Bayard, Ohio, August 1, 1848, and died at Minerva, June 21, 1913. She was a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Seyford) Kurtz, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and died in Bayard, Ohio. Mr. Kurtz was a farmer, gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Bergert graduated from the Minerva high school and attended Wooster College, after which she taught school for four years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Women's Missionary Society, the Alliance Women's Club, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Red Cross Society. Mr. and Mrs. Bergert are the parents of six children, as follows: Carson J., born March 1, 1914, now in the Alliance high school; Frances M., born July 29, 1916; Mary Louise, born April 15, 1923; Joan C., born November 25, 1925; and Lois Ellen and Lowell Allen, twins, born September 9, 1927.

In his political views, Mr. Bergert is nominally a democrat, but is inclined to be independent in his voting. He is a member

of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 87, K. T.; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron, and the Knights of Malta. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Bergert's career has been marked by close application to his life work, in which he has proven capable and trustworthy, and throughout this city he is held in high regard, not only for his business success, but also for his sterling character and cordial and unaffected manner.

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### THURMAN C. SMITH

Thurman C. Smith, president and general manager of the Thurman C. Smith Motor Company of Canton, is a veteran in the automobile business and his outstanding success has been gained through persistent efforts, sound business judgment and marked executive ability. Born at Clinton, Summit county, Ohio, on the 23d of September, 1888, he is a son of D. C. and Mary Elizabeth (Huber) Smith. His father, who also was born at Clinton, was a son of Lewis and Elizabeth Smith, both of whom were of German descent. He was reared in Summit county and during his early business career was connected with the lumber business, but later turned his attention to the hardware business at Clinton, in which he is still engaged. In his political alignment he is a republican and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His wife was born on a farm near Clinton and was a daughter of Philip Huber, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, whose death occurred November 4, 1926, at the age of sixty-three years. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living.

Thurman C. Smith, the third in order of birth, secured his educational training in the public schools of Clinton, graduating from high school in 1906, after which he worked in his father's hardware store, which had been established in 1902. He was connected with that business for nine years and in 1915 became identified with the automobile business at Clinton, taking the agency for the Studebaker cars. Shortly afterwards he moved to Barberton, Summit county, where he was in the same line of business

until February 10, 1917, which date marks the beginning of his career in Canton. Here he organized the Thurman C. Smith Motor Company, having the exclusive sales agency for the Studebaker cars in this city, the officers being: Mr. Smith, president and general manager; D. J. Renkert, vice president; Russel J. Burt, secretary; and Wilbur Rankin, treasurer. This concern has gained wide recognition as one of the most progressive and enterprising motor sales firms in the city and, handling one of the best and most popular cars on the market, has built up a large and prosperous business.

On October 17, 1916, at Orrville, Ohio, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Nell Shannon, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of H. D. and Laura Shannon, the latter a member of an old pioneer family of that locality. She is an active member of the Junior Service Club of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Lucile, born in Canton, July 8, 1920. Mr. Smith gives his earnest support to the republican party and in both Stark and Summit counties showed a deep interest in local public affairs. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., the Brookside Country Club, the Canton Automobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his wife belong to the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are generous supporters. Mr. Smith is a man of high business principles, a strong and pleasing personality, and his entire career has been marked by great energy and close application, so that he has in every respect well merited the prosperity which has come to him.

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### FLOYD HOFFMAN SENN

Floyd Hoffman Senn, of the Fairmount Provision Company of Alliance, widely known as a representative and successful business man, was born December 20, 1891, in the city where he still resides, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Senn, both of whom are natives of Stark county and are now residents of Alliance. The grandparents in the paternal line were John and



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Jacobina Senn, natives of Switzerland, in which country they were reared and married. Coming to the United States about 1855, they lived for a short time in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then established their home in Alliance. The grandfather was a molder by trade and followed that pursuit through much of his life but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations in order to protect the interests of the Union, going to the front as a member of a cavalry company. He died in 1909 and was survived by his widow until 1915. They were honored and respected residents of Alliance, their many sterling traits of character gaining for them the esteem and good will of all who knew them. The father, John Senn, was engaged in the retail meat business for an extended period, his activity in that field covering forty-five years. He is a member of the Christ Reformed church, while his wife is of the Presbyterian faith. They had a family of two children, the elder being Harry L. Senn, a mechanical engineer with the Republic Structural Steel Company of Cleveland.

In the acquirement of his education Floyd Hoffman Senn attended the public schools of Alliance until graduated from the high school in 1910, having been honored with election to the presidency of his class. In that year he joined his father in the meat business under the firm style of John Senn & Son, an association that maintained for a decade or until 1920, when they sold out. At that time F. H. Senn became associated with the Fairmount Provision Company as secretary and director and still continues in this official connection, his labors being a contributing element to the continued success and development of the business, which is now one of the important commercial activities of Alliance. His previous experience as a dealer in meats well qualified him for the business in which he is now engaged and throughout his career he has followed methods which neither seek nor require disguise but which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. He is likewise active in other fields, being a director of the Midland Savings & Loan Association, president and a director of Copley Motors, Inc., of Canton, and secretary and treasurer of the Mud Lake Rat Company, engaged in raising muskrats for commercial purposes.

On the 8th of October, 1913, Mr. Senn was married to Miss Myra Jones, a daughter of E. M. and Margaret (Thomas) Jones, of Alliance. Her father came to this city with his people in 1869, when but twelve years of age. He is a machinist by trade, but now

holds a position in the office of the McCaskey Register Company. Mr. and Mrs. Senn have become parents of three children: Margaret Elizabeth, born August 22, 1914; Mary Jane, born November 6, 1918; and Gretchen, January 27, 1924. Mrs. Senn is a lady of liberal education, having attended Mount Union College after pursuing the high school course. She belongs to the Alliance Women's Club, of which she is a director; to the Eastern Star and to the Mount Union College Club.

In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Senn are connected with the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee, and in Masonic circles he has advanced far, holding membership in Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; and Alliance Commandery, No. 7, K. T., while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree, and he is likewise a member of Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Akron. He also has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of Veterans and he is a charter member of the Rotary Club and belongs to the Alliance Country Club and the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. Fishing, golf and motoring are his most enjoyable forms of recreation, to which he turns when the stress of business permits, but he allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as an official of the Fairmount Provision Company. However, carefully regulating his time and wisely managing his affairs, he has found opportunity for needed diversion and opportunity for public service along many lines which have contributed to the material, civic and moral progress of the community.

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### CHARLES COLEMAN JONES, M. D.

No member of the medical profession in Stark county is more worthy of public confidence and esteem than is Dr. Charles C. Jones, of 318 Cleveland avenue northwest, Canton, where he has successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine for twenty-two years. He was born at West Jefferson, Madison county, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1873, a son of Charles C. and Sarah (Borrows) Jones, and is of Welsh descent, the progenitor of the family in this country having been Samuel Jones, a native

of Wales, who settled at Pemberton, New Jersey, prior to the American Revolution. He was the father of Isaac Jones, who became a pioneer settler of Madison county, Ohio, where he thereafter resided until his death. For many years Isaac Jones was a minister of the Baptist church, and he served as probate judge of Madison county, being widely known both as preacher and jurist. His son, Charles C. Jones, was born in 1826 in West Jefferson, Ohio, and was reared and educated in that locality. During his active life he was a miller, an auctioneer and a banker and was successful in his business affairs. Prior to the Civil war he affiliated with the democratic party, but, being a strong abolitionist, his sympathies were with the north and he became a republican, supporting the principles and doctrines of that party throughout the remainder of his life. He was a devout Christian and a lifelong member of the Baptist church, and in that connection built at his own expense the first Baptist church at West Jefferson, which he gave to the congregation. He died in November, 1890, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife was born in Pemberton, New Jersey, and was a daughter of James A. and Hannah Burrows, who were of Scottish descent and were early settlers of New Jersey. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, of whom the only survivors are Gorman, who is a professor in Williamsburg College, at Williamsburg, Kentucky, and Charles C.

Dr. Charles Coleman Jones received his elementary education in the public schools of West Jefferson, and then entered Denison University, at Granville, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1895. He then matriculated in Ohio Medical University, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in 1898. He began the practice of his profession at Portsmouth, Scioto county, Ohio, remaining there three years, after which he was for four years at Sebring, Mahoning county, this state, and in 1906 came to Canton, where he has engaged in general practice to the present time.

On June 29, 1898, at Middlesboro, Kentucky, Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Ida Householder, who was born at Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Reason and Kathryn (Morris) Householder. Mrs. Jones is a member of the La Porte Ouverte Women's Club and takes an active part in church work. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of

four children: Sarah K., who is the wife of Richard Whitehouse, of Canton, and has a son, Charles Jones; Charles C., Jr.; Margaret E.; and Frank M. Dr. Jones supports the republican party on national issues, but is inclined to be independent in local elections, voting for the men whom he believes to be best qualified for office. He is a member of Center Star Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., at Granville, Ohio, and Canton Lodge, B. P. O. E., and he and his wife are earnest members and liberal supporters of the First Baptist church of Canton. The Doctor is a man of kindly and humane impulses, imbued with a genuine sympathy for the sick and afflicted, and commands the respect and confidence of all who have employed him, while throughout the community he has many warm friends who admire him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### JOSEPH F. HAFFNER

Joseph F. Haffner, proprietor of the Canton Printing Company, has in his career given marked evidence of his sterling qualities, for his success has been won by determined and persistent efforts, backed by good judgment and right principles, and he ranks with the prosperous and successful business men of his city. Mr. Haffner was born in Canton, on the 30th of May, 1893, and is a son of Caesar and Frances (Bauer) Haffner. The family is of Swiss origin, the paternal grandparents having removed from Switzerland to Alsace, France, prior to the war of 1807, and in the latter country Caesar Haffner was born October 6, 1854. He was reared and educated there and in 1888 came to Canton, Ohio, where he spent his remaining days, passing away June 14, 1910, at the age of fifty-six years. He was a steel worker by trade and followed that pursuit here during his active years. He was a republican in politics and was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. His wife was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, October 2, 1855, and came alone to America in 1892, settling in Canton, where she met and became the wife of Mr. Haffner, their marriage being celebrated in St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. She died July 22, 1927, at the age of seventy-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Haffner were born three sons, Joseph F., Frank and Aloysius, all of whom are living.

Joseph F. Haffner received a good parochial school education and then worked at the printing trade in the office of the Ohio Volks-Zeitung, in Canton, where he learned all branches of the business, remaining in the employ of that concern for twelve years. On January 1, 1918, Mr. Haffner bought the business of the Canton Printing Company, founded in 1895, one of the three oldest printing establishments in this city. He has a well equipped shop, from which he turns out printing of the highest quality and commands a large and growing trade. He is also the business manager of the Catholic Universe Bulletin, a weekly publication, and is a director of the Catholic Press Union of Cleveland, Ohio.

On January 3, 1917, in St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, in Canton, Mr. Haffner was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Clarke, who was born in this city, January 20, 1892, a daughter of Caleb and Anna (Jones) Clarke, who have been residents of this city for the past forty-five years. Mrs. Haffner died November 29, 1925, at the age of thirty-three years. She was a member of the United Brethren church and took an active interest in the work of that society. In his political views, Mr. Haffner is a democrat. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has belonged for sixteen years to the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he has filled all of the chairs in both city and county organizations. He has been a member of the Improved Order of Red Men since the age of seventeen years and also belongs to the Royal Order of Lions, the Orchard Hill Country Club and the Arion Singing Society. His religious connection is with St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, of North Canton. He is a good business man, methodical and progressive, and his record is one of honorable dealing and strict integrity, so that he well merits the respect which is accorded him by all who know him.

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#### HARRY C. W. OLIVER

Harry C. W. Oliver, assistant general yardmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters at Canton, has been with this company for thirty years, during which period he has received a number of deserved promotions, and is regarded as one of the company's loyal and efficient employees. Mr. Oliver was

born in Canton, Ohio, December 20, 1879, a son of John M. and Maria (Miller) Oliver. Both parents also were born in Canton, the father May 3, 1851, died on June 5, 1918, and the mother April 19, 1853.

Mr. Oliver secured his elementary education at the Second Street grade school and graduated from the Central high school in 1896. He went to work for the Bucher & Gibbs Plow Company, with which he remained until August 16, 1898, when he went to work as a trucker for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Six months later he was promoted to freight house clerk, being in the office until August 15, 1899, when he became a yard brakeman. In September, 1901, he was made a conductor, in which capacity he served until September 20, 1907, when he was advanced to yardmaster. He filled that exacting position in a very satisfactory manner and on December 1, 1927, his efficient service received tangible recognition in his promotion to his present position as assistant general yardmaster.

On September 19, 1900, at the parsonage of the Second Methodist Episcopal church in Canton, Rev. Church performed the marriage ceremony which united Mr. Oliver and Miss Flora E. Dine, who was born in Canton, May 9, 1881. The Dine family has lived in Canton for three generations and one branch of the family, the Sexauers, was of French origin three generations back. Mrs. Oliver is a daughter of William Delnar and Regina T. (Sexauer) Dine, the former born June 29, 1856, and the latter June 9, 1858, his death occurring on March 2, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are the parents of three children: Bernice I., born July 20, 1901, the wife of Walter H. Wagner, of Dayton, Ohio; Ruby N., born June 2, 1903, the wife of Don Bame, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Ida G., born August 3, 1905, the wife of Leslie Lindower, of Ashland, Ohio.

Mr. Oliver is an active supporter of the republican party and has shown a deep interest in local public affairs. In 1920 he was elected to the city council from the first ward and by successive reelections has served in that body continuously since, having been president of the council since 1924. He has consistently stood for such measures as have advanced the city's interests along material, civic or moral lines and his record as a public official has earned for him the respect of his fellow citizens. He is a member of McKinley Lodge, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No.

84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Emeth Lodge of Perfection, Mystic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix, all at Canton, and Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cleveland; Nazir Grotto and the Order of Railroad Conductors. He and his wife are active members of the First Brethren church, to which they give liberal support, as they do also to other worthy causes. Mr. Oliver has exemplified a high type of citizenship, in his loyalty to his employers, his devotion to his city's best interests and his constancy and dependability as a man. Because of these things, as well as for his splendid personal traits, he is deservedly popular throughout the city in which he has spent his life.

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### DAVID FRANK RUTTER

David F. Rutter has, through indomitable energy and well directed efforts, become one of the successful and well known business men of Canton and his honorable record has gained for him a worthy place among the respected citizens of his community. Mr. Rutter was born at Kremis, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of July, 1874, and is a son of George S. M. and Lydia Anna (Roush) Rutter. His grandparents, Jacob and Sarah (Henninger) Rutter, were descendants of early Pennsylvania settlers, the former being of Scotch ancestry. His father was born at Greenville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1852, and there received his educational training. In 1870, when eighteen years of age, he came to Stark county and here followed the brick-mason's trade throughout his active life, his death occurring in September, 1925, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife, Lydia Anna (Roush) Rutter was born April 29, 1854, in Richville, Stark county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Reuben and Lydia (Jacoby) Roush, both of whom were representatives of early Stark county families of German origin, her father having come to Stark county when this section of the state was a veritable wilderness. He preempted one hundred and sixty acres of government land, on which the timber was so dense that he had to do some clearing before he could erect the small log cabin in which the family lived during the early years. In the course of time he there

developed a good farm, in the cultivation of which he prospered. This farm later became the property of his daughter, Mrs. Lydia Roush, who lived there until she was ninety years of age, at which time she sold it to the state of Ohio, which erected the Massillon State Hospital there in 1896. Mrs. Lydia Anna Rutter is now living in Canton. To Mr. and Mrs. Rutter were born three children: David Frank, Beryl, the wife of William H. A. Weber, of Irvington, New Jersey; and Mont A., who lives in Christiana, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In their younger days David F. and Mont A. Rutter were the champion bicycle riders of the state of Ohio, an honor which they held for several years, being widely known in the racing circles of the state and nation.

David F. Rutter received his educational training in the public schools of Massillon, Ohio, graduating from high school, and at nineteen years of age started out to earn his own livelihood. His first job was in the Dueber-Hampden watch works, where he learned the trade in all of its branches, and was employed there for fifteen years. In 1914 he entered the employ of C. J. Duncan, jeweler, who had stores in Canton and Massillon, and served as manager of the Canton establishment for ten years. There he learned the jeweler's trade and became an expert on diamonds and other precious stones. In 1924 Mr. Rutter went into business for himself at 238 Cleveland avenue northwest, where he has a fine store and carries a large and well selected stock of jewelry, in the latest and standard designs, as well as watches and clocks, and here he has built up a large and representative trade.

On July 13, 1899, in Canton, Mr. Rutter was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Zeller, of Salem, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob Zeller. Mrs. Rutter was born in Switzerland, where her mother died, and when ten years old she accompanied her father to this country, settling at Salem, where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Rutter are the parents of four children, namely: Mont A., born July 16, 1900; Thelma B., born June 14, 1904; Madaline, September 18, 1919; and David F., Jr., July 23, 1922. Politically Mr. Rutter is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron; and Nazir Grotto. He is also a member of the Cantons Shriners' Trumdrum, a unit of Al Koran Temple of

Cleveland, Ohio. He belongs also to Stark Lodge, No. 513, I. O. O. F.; the Knights and Ladies of Security and the Fraternal Aid Union, and the Canton Shrine Club. He is a member of the Dueber Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, he served on the official board and has been treasurer of the Men's Bible class for the past ten years. He is a thoroughly progressive and enterprising business man, has well merited the success which is crowning his efforts, and throughout the community commands uniform confidence and respect.

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### ALFRED T. SCHAUER

Alfred T. Schauer has attained marked success as district agent for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company at Canton by reason of his great energy and executive ability, and his efforts have been rewarded with a very satisfactory increase in the volume of his company's business in this territory. Mr. Schauer was born in Canton, on the 10th of November, 1894, and is a son of Theodore and Jennie (Essner) Schauer. His paternal grandparents, Philip and Crescentia (Bole) Schauer, were natives of Germany, of whom the former, on his emigration to this country, settled in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he was married. Later he came to Canton where he followed the machinist trade, remaining a resident of this city until his death. Theodore Schauer spent practically his entire life in Canton, and during his last eleven years was secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a democrat in his political affiliation and he and his wife were members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church.

Alfred T. Schauer secured his education in the parochial schools of this city, after which he attended business college for two years. His first position was that of secretary to C. W. Coe, general superintendent of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, with whom he remained for six years, after which, for two years, he served as secretary to the Loyal Order of Moose. He then turned his attention to the life insurance business, in which his success was so marked that he was made district agent for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, which position he has held to the present time. He is thoroughly conversant with every

detail of the life insurance business, is a very successful salesman, and employs a number of agents, having a strong and aggressive organization in this field. He maintains his office in the First National Bank building and is numbered among the wide-awake and progressive business men of this city.

On June 11, 1919, in Canton, Mr. Schauer was united in marriage to Miss Marie A. Luthi, who was born and reared here and is a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Gerspacher) Luthi, both of whom are representatives of old and well known families of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Schauer are the parents of two children, Virginia Marie, born August 9, 1925, and Thomas Alfred, December 24, 1927. The republican party receives Mr. Schauer's support and fraternally he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife are devoted members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. Honest and straightforward in all of his business relations and friendly and agreeable in manner, he makes a favorable impression on all who come in contact with him, and throughout the community in which he has spent his life he has many warm and loyal friends who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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### JOHN E. O. FELLER

John E. O. Feller, certified public accountant, of Canton, is regarded as a man of unusual ability in his line and through the high quality of his work has built up the largest business of the kind in Stark county. Mr. Feller is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in Canton on the 20th of June, 1888, his parents being John and Julia Ann (Schessler) Feller. His father was born November 10, 1835, at Zweisimmen, Switzerland, and was there reared to the age of sixteen years, when he came to the United States to make his home with an uncle, Frank Buchs, of North Georgetown, Stark county. In the following year, 1852, he went to Lakewood and secured employment on a dairy farm, and while there learned the blacksmith trade. In 1854 he went to work as a blacksmith for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, now the Erie Railroad, being employed on the construction of that portion of the line between Ravenna and Marion, Ohio.



JOHN E. O. FELLER



In 1857 he located in Canton, where he conducted a shop of his own until 1913, when he retired from active business, and his death occurred on April 8, 1922, at the age of eighty-six years and four months. For many years he was captain of the Washington Volunteer Fire Company, out of which organization grew the Washington Aid Society, a mutual insurance concern, of which he was one of the organizers and was president for a quarter of a century. In his political alignment he was a staunch democrat, but was also an ardent abolitionist and supported Mr. Lincoln for the presidency. He was an earnest member of the Reformed church and sang in the choir for many years. His wife, Julia Ann (Schessler) Feller, was born at No. 6 Elizabeth street, New York city, April 13, 1844, and was of Swiss descent, her parents having come to this country in the early part of the nineteenth century. Mrs. Feller died August 22, 1890, at the age of forty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Feller were married by the pastor of the Reformed church in Canton on April 10, 1865, and became the parents of twelve children, of whom six are living: Amelia, who is the wife of Charles F. Bourquin, of Stark county; Emma, the wife of John H. Fetzer, of Massillon, Stark county; Edward, who resides in Canton; Cora Ann, the wife of John Kampfer, of Canton; Elizabeth, the wife of Albert Heimke, of Canton; and John E. O.

John E. O. Feller was educated in the public schools of Canton, graduating from the commercial department of Central high school in 1904. He went to work as a bookkeeper for his brother, Edward Feller, who was engaged in the soda water bottling business, and with whom he gained valuable experience. In 1910 he accepted a similar position with W. L. Stolzenbach, of Canton, with whom he remained two years, after which he was associated for a time with Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants. In 1912 Mr. Feller established an independent business which he has conducted to the present time, and is regarded as one of the leading certified public accountants in Canton, having as his patrons many of the most important business concerns in the county, as well as many individuals. Painsstaking thoroughness characterizes all his work and he enjoys a splendid reputation for reliability.

On July 27, 1910, in Canton, Mr. Feller was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Lucile Beresford, who was born in Massillon, Stark county, and is a daughter of William E. and Clara C. (Kohl) Beresford, both of whom are members of old families of this

locality. Mr. and Mrs. Feller have two children, John Millard, born November 12, 1911, and Kathryn Elizabeth, born August 24, 1914. Mr. Feller is a democrat in his political views, voting that ticket on national issues, but is independent in local elections. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Canton Club, the Brookside Country Club, the Triangle Club, the Canton Torch Club, the Cleveland Athletic Club, the Exchange Club, the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and is secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Affiliated Exchange Clubs. He attends and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church, to which they give liberal support. During the World war Mr. Feller gave his active assistance to every local war measure, the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and has always cooperated in all movements for the advancement of the city's best interests. Mrs. Feller is a member of the Massillon Women's Club and the La Porte Ouvert Club of Canton. Though a busy man in his professional work, Mr. Feller finds time for occasional diversion in the way of fishing trips, is fond of golf, and derives a good deal of enjoyment from radio and electrical experiments. Cordial and friendly in his social relations, he is deservedly popular among his associates and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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#### CHARLES A. FROMM

Charles A. Fromm, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Canton, is a member of the board of county commissioners, in which capacity he is rendering a high type of service to his community, being regarded as one of the ablest and most efficient commissioners the county has ever had. Mr. Fromm was born in Perry township, Stark county, on the 8th of October, 1887, and is a son of Albert and Anna (Bordner) Fromm. His father was born at Port Washington, Ohio, and is descended from an old Ohio family, of German origin. He was reared and educated in Tuscarawas county, and in 1886 settled in Stark county, where his attention was given to agricultural pursuits during his remaining active

years. He was a republican in politics and was a member of Trinity Reformed church. His wife was born in Perry township, Stark county, and her death occurred in June, 1925. To this worthy couple were born two sons and two daughters, all of whom are living.

Charles A. Fromm, who is the youngest of the children born to his parents, was educated in the public schools of Stark county and remained on the parental homestead until sixteen years of age, when he engaged in farming on his own account. In this he met with encouraging success and followed that occupation continuously until 1924, when he was elected to his present position as a member of the board of county commissioners. This is one of the most important offices in the county government and he has proven well qualified, having exhibited business acumen and sagacity that have enabled him to conserve the public interests and contribute to his county's welfare and improvement. During the past twenty-two years Mr. Fromm has also done a vast amount of auctioneering, in which capacity he has sold hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of personal property, as well as much real estate. He is president of the Lake Cable Company, formed for the purpose of advancing aviation interests in this locality through the establishment of a well equipped flying field, for mail and commercial purposes. He has for seven years been a director of the Stark County Agricultural Society and its secretary for the past three years.

On August 13, 1903, in Perry township, Stark county, Mr. Fromm was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Keefer, who was born in Tuscarawas township, this county, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Bowman) Keefer, both members of families that have long been residents of Stark county. Mr. and Mrs. Fromm are the parents of five children, Winfield H., Alice Lucile, Mary Eva, Anna Belle and Doris Katherine. Mr. Fromm has long been an active supporter of the republican party and keenly interested in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his own county. Fraternally he is a member of Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Lions, and also belongs to the Masonic Club and the Exchange Club. He and his wife are earnest members of Trinity Reformed church. He has been an

important factor in matters affecting the civic advancement of his city and county, standing for all that is best in community life, and in his career has exemplified a type of manhood and citizenship that has gained for him the unqualified confidence and sincere respect of his fellowmen.

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### ISIDOR SALTZ

The life record of Isidor Saltz, who owns a prosperous plumbing business at 726 Cherry avenue southeast, Canton, illustrates in a striking manner what may be accomplished through determined and persistent effort, even in the face of discouraging conditions at the outstart, and today he is numbered among the successful and highly respected business men of his community. Mr. Saltz was born in Russian Poland on the 23d of April, 1883, and is a son of Morris and Sara (Brener) Saltz, also natives of that country. The mother is deceased and the father lives in New York city.

Isidor Saltz secured his educational training in a Hebrew private school at Konsk, Russian Poland, and then served a three years' apprenticeship at the plumbing and tinning trade, after which he worked for tinning contractors for about a year. He then emigrated to the United States, landing at New York city May 15, 1906. Soon afterwards he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a journeyman plumber until 1909, when he came to Canton. Failing to secure employment here, he started in business for himself in the basement of 810 Cherry avenue southeast. Soon thereafter he married, and his wife assisted him in his business. She is entitled to a great deal of credit for the part she took in promoting the enterprise. Though he had a hard struggle at first, at length success attended him and he built up a large business. In 1917 Mr. Saltz erected his present two-story building at 726-28-30 Cherry avenue southeast, all of which he occupies, and his business, which is conducted under the name of the Saltz Plumbing and Heating Company, is still showing a steady and substantial growth. In addition to doing a general plumbing and heating business, he carries a full line of plumbing supplies, and he is the distributor in Stark county of the Sunny Suds electric washer. He carries a full line of Moncrief and Round Oak fur-

naces, which he installs, and he does all kinds of sheet metal work. An expert workman himself, he employs none but competent men, and takes pride in the high quality of the service which he renders.

In September, 1910, in Canton, Mr. Saltz was united in marriage to Miss Yetta Borg, who was born at Saborza, Austria, and is a daughter of Abram and Sara Borg, both of whom were of old Austrian Hebrew stock. Mr. and Mrs. Saltz are the parents of two children. Ruth, born July 5, 1914, in Cleveland, Ohio, is a student in the Lehman high school, Canton, and is an accomplished violin player. Sanford H., born February 1, 1921, at Canton, is attending the Woodland Avenue public school. Mr. Saltz gives his political support to the republican party, and is a member of the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith, the Jewish Welfare Society and the Jewish Center. He and his wife are members of the McKinley Avenue Sharai Torah Congregation. Mr. Saltz belongs to the Master Plumbers Association and the Sheet Metal Contractors Association, and he is a stockholder in the People's Commercial Bank. A loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country, he stands ready at all times to support measures for the advancement of the public welfare. He is well worthy not only of the prosperity which is now his, but also of the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### SYLVANUS S. LIPELY

Sylvanus S. Lipely, owner of the Sunnyside Dairy in Alliance, has led an active and industrious life from boyhood and in his earlier years learned the value of a dollar, so that through the subsequent years he has been a wise manager and today is numbered among the successful and substantial business men of this city. Mr. Lipely was born in Beaver township, Mahoning county, Ohio, November 28, 1873, and is a son of Christian and Henrietta (Sponseller) Lipely. His father also was born in Beaver township, where he followed farming all his life, and died there. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed church. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Lipely, Sr., both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to Mahoning county, Ohio, where the father took up a tract of government land

in Beaver township, developed a good farm and there spent his remaining days. He was a democrat and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Henrietta (Sponseller) Lipely was born in Beaver township, Mahoning county, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sponseller, of whom the former was born near Baltimore, Maryland, and died in Beaver township, Mahoning county, where he had successfully farmed. He was a Lutheran in his religious faith and voted the democratic ticket.

Sylvanus S. Lipely attended the public schools, graduating from the Columbiana high school, and then came to Alliance, where he entered the employ of Hinshilwood & Maus, clothiers, as a salesman. His initial salary was three dollars a week, and he paid three dollars and a half a week for his board, the fifty cents deficit being made up out of a fund of fifty dollars which he had previously saved up. Later, his landlady, learning the amount of his salary, reduced the price of his board to three dollars until such a time as he received an increase in salary. Mr. Lipely remained with that firm for twenty years and then went in the clothing business for himself with D. B. Turnipseed, the firm name becoming Turnipseed & Lipely. They were associated for six and a half years and at the end of that period he sold his interest in the business to Mr. Steffy and returned to Henshilwood & Maus, where he remained until October, 1913, at which time Mr. Lipely purchased the farm implement and pump business of B. F. Mercer & Son, on Prospect street. He continued that business under his own name until 1919, when he sold out and engaged in farming until 1923, when he sold his farm and, buying property on East State street, erected a pasteurizing plant and engaged in the milk business, under the name of the Sunnyside Dairy, in the operation of which he has met with a very gratifying measure of success.

On January 26, 1898, in Alliance, Mr. Lipely was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Bischoff, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and Alliance. She is a daughter of Fred and Louise (Metz) Bischoff, both of whom were born in Germany and died in Alliance. Mr. Bischoff was a tinner by trade, was a republican in his political views and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Lipely have become the parents of three children, namely: John S., born May 23, 1900, died June 3, 1900; Helen May, born April 3, 1903, died June 29, 1909; and Howard Edgar,

born August 14, 1906, attended the Alliance public schools and Mount Union College and is now associated with his father in the milk business. He married Miss Loraine Allmon, of Alliance.

Mr. Lipely is a strong supporter of the republican party, and is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M., and Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M., belonging also to the Mount Union Booster Club, of which he is president. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mrs. Lipely is an active worker in its societies. Mr. Lipely possesses to a marked degree the essential qualities of good citizenship, standing for the best things in the life of the community, and commands the sincere respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### FRANK WESLEY GAVIN, M. D.

No member of the medical fraternity in Stark county has enjoyed a larger measure of professional success or is held in higher esteem than Dr. Frank W. Gavin, of Canton, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery here for nearly thirty years. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 9, 1872, and is a son of Professor James and Sedonia R. (Davis) Gavin. His paternal grandparents were Robert and Isabel (Craig) Gavin, of whom the former was born at the Brig of Johnston, Scotland, on January 5, 1805, and died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on February 28, 1874, at the age of sixty-nine years, while the latter was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1810, and died in Williams county, Ohio, July 17, 1854, at the age of forty-four years. Robert Gavin, during his active life in Scotland, conducted a woolen mill, which was operated by water power, and which is still in active use. In 1849, with his wife and eight children, he came to the United States, landing at Boston, Massachusetts, thence going to Cleveland, Ohio, and settling at Rocky River, Cuyahoga county, where for a brief period they made their home with one of Mr. Gavin's brothers who had preceded them to this country. Later they moved to Williams county, where Mr. Gavin engaged in farming and stock-raising. Because of the death of his wife, which occurred there, he took his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where lived a maiden sister, Margaret Gavin, who thereafter conducted his home and reared his

minor children, and in that city he spent his remaining years. James Gavin was born at Eaglesham, Scotland, September 10, 1848, and had a twin brother, Alexander. He accompanied the family on their emigration to the United States and was reared and educated in Fort Wayne, Indiana, attending the public schools and a Methodist college, from which he was graduated. He then took up educational work and for twenty-one years was connected with the public schools of Fort Wayne, where his death occurred December 23, 1901, at the age of fifty-three years. He was a staunch republican in politics and, after his marriage, became a devout member of the Baptist church, in which he served as a deacon. During the Civil war four of his brothers served in the Union Army, Hugh and John enlisting at Toledo, Ohio, Leodwic at Peoria, Illinois, and Robert at Fort Wayne, in the Eighty-eighth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Sedonia R. (Davis) Gavin was born April 29, 1850, at Hebron, Licking county, Ohio, and died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 23, 1879. She was a daughter of Wesley and Mary Ann (Slocum) Davis, the family having long been established at Culpeper, Virginia. The progenitor of the family in this country was her great-grandfather, who came here prior to the war of the Revolution and settled in Connecticut, where one member of the family joined the Revolutionary army. After the close of that conflict the family migrated to Culpeper, Virginia, where Wesley Thomas Davis, father of Wesley Davis, was born November 5, 1828. He died November 11, 1898, at the age of seventy years. Mary Ann (Slocum) Davis was born July 4, 1830, and died September 21, 1854, at the age of twenty-four years. Because of her mother's early death, Sedonia Davis was reared by an uncle and aunt, William and Caroline (Bowns) Sevens, both of whom were members of old Virginia families. Her maternal great-grandmother was Casander Cunningham, who lies buried at George's Chapel, Licking county, Ohio. She became the wife of Joshua Browning, who was born in Maryland and was one of the early settlers of Baltimore. He also is buried in Licking county, Ohio.

Frank Wesley Gavin, the only child born to his parents, attended the public schools of Fort Wayne, Indiana, graduating from high school in 1891, after which he matriculated in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, in New York city, and won the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1894. He served eighteen months as in-

terne in Bellevue Hospital, after which he took examinations for Mercy Hospital, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained for six months. He then returned to Fort Wayne, where he engaged in the practice of his profession until October 1, 1898, when he again went to New York city and took post-graduate work until May, 1899, at which time he settled in Canton, Ohio, where he has been engaged in practice of medicine and surgery to the present time. During these years he has had a large and remunerative practice, and during the past twenty years has been connected with, and is a past president of, the medical staff of Aultman Hospital. He has been president and secretary of the Canton Medical Society and the Stark County Medical Society, and belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has always been a close student of his profession and has done much research work, as a result of which he has made many contributions to various medical journals. He served as county coroner from 1911 to 1915, and during both the Spanish-American and World wars served on the medical examining boards.

On May 24, 1899, in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, Dr. Gavin was united in marriage to Miss Ella May Smith, who was born November 27, 1873, at Crestline, Crawford county, Ohio, and is a daughter of James Benton and Mary (Dalton) Smith. The Smith family settled in Canton in 1815, the first settler having driven here in a wagon from Reading, Pennsylvania, and acquired a farm on what was then known as the Market road, but is now Market avenue, the tract including the territory from Market avenue to Cleveland avenue and between Sixteenth and Twentieth streets northwest, which is today one of Canton's most exclusive residential sections. The Smith family is of English origin and was founded in this country by Daniel Hollinger Smith, one of whose descendants, Mrs. Gavin's grandfather, was a soldier in the war of 1812, while several of Mrs. Gavin's paternal uncles fought in the Civil war. Dr. and Mrs. Gavin are the parents of four daughters: Isabel, born March 26, 1907; Eleanor, April 5, 1910; Gladys, January 22, 1912; and Marjorie, July 16, 1914. Politically Dr. Gavin is a republican, though the demands of his professional work prevent him from taking an active part in public affairs. He is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., and he attends the Methodist Episcopal church, to which the other members of the family belong. He is a great lover of his home, his chief pleasures, aside

from his profession, being the society of his wife and children, the cultivation of flowers, and his annual automobile trips to distant points. A man of high professional attainments, an accurate diagnostician, able physician and skilled surgeon, he stands in the very front rank of the medical men of his section of the state, while as a private citizen, with a deep interest in the welfare of his community, he commands the unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

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### RALPH HUGH DONALDSON

Among the residents of Stark county who are identified with the iron and steel industry, none is more experienced or has a better technical knowledge than Ralph H. Donaldson, who for a number of years has rendered effective service as general superintendent of the Machined Steel Casting Company, of Alliance, of which he is also a director. Mr. Donaldson was born at Beaver Falls, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of September, 1878, and is a son of James and Lydia C. (Milligan) Donaldson. His paternal grandfather, James Donaldson, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, followed blacksmithing during his active life, and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He had an honorable military record, having served in the Mexican war and was a captain in the Union Army during the Civil war. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. James Donaldson, Jr., was born December 1, 1838, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and died at Dayton, Ohio, in 1920. He followed in his father's footsteps and engaged in blacksmithing for many years. During the Civil war he served three years as a member of the Sixth United States Cavalry and at the close was discharged as a non-commissioned officer. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, March 19, 1844, and died at Alliance, Ohio, April 9, 1900. She was a daughter of Jared Milligan, of Shreve, Ohio, a farmer by vocation, a Presbyterian in his religious faith and a republican in politics.

Ralph H. Donaldson was educated in the public schools of Alliance and then served four years as an apprentice at the moulding trade. He worked two years longer as a journeyman moulder and was then made assistant foreman in the American Steel foundry.



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dries at Alliance. A year later he was made general night foreman of the plant, which position he held for two years, when he resigned and accepted a position as general foundry foreman with the Damascus Crucible Steel Casting Company, at New Brighton, Pennsylvania. Three months later he went to Depew, New York, as general foundry foreman for the Gould Coupler Company, with which he remained three months, when he resigned, and returning to Alliance, became night foreman for the American Steel Foundries Company. Six months later he was made general foundry foreman and after one year, was promoted to the position of assistant works manager. Eighteen months later the company sent him to Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he served as works manager for seven years, when he resigned to accept a similar position with the Lawrence Steel Casting Company of Pittsburgh, where he remained two years. This company was then merged with the Edgewater Steel Company, of Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and for two years thereafter he served as works manager for both plants. He then resigned and became works manager for the Ohio Steel Foundry Company, but shortly afterward suffered a nervous breakdown and devoted the ensuing year to recovering his health. He then again became connected with the American Steel Foundries Company, working directly under the fourth vice president in various plants, as his special representative wherever he was needed. A year later he was stationed at the Alliance plant as general superintendent, in which capacity he served one year, when, in 1919, on the organization of the Machined Steel Casting Company, he became a stockholder and director, and was made general superintendent of the plant, which position he is still filling. He is also interested in the Steel Sanitary Company which has just been incorporated. They are manufacturers of sanitary bathtubs, sinks, etc.

On June 13, 1901, in Alliance, Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Elsie M. Hugus, who was born in this city, October 24, 1881, a daughter of William Henry Clay and Elnora (Sell) Hugus. The father was born in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1844, and died in Alliance, August 8, 1913. In early life he was a commercial artist, or sign painter, but later became a coremaker and was employed in foundries for many years. Near the close of the Civil war he enlisted, but had only reached Columbus when the war closed. His brother Clark took

an active part in the early part of the war, but was captured and spent the remainder of the war period in Andersonville prison, from which he was one of the last to be exchanged. William H. C. Hugus was a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His father, William Hugus, was a native of Virginia, and died near Alliance, Ohio, where he had engaged in farming, though in earlier years he had followed the trade of glassblower. He was a republican and a Methodist. Elnora (Sell) Hugus, who was born near Alliance, Ohio, June 21, 1861, and is now living in this city, is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Fryberger) Sell. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, became a prosperous farmer, and died in Alliance. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and supported the republican party. His wife was a native of New Jersey and died on the home farm near Alliance. Mrs. Donaldson is a graduate of the Alliance high school and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Order of the Eastern Star, and took a deep interest in Red Cross work during the World war. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are the parents of two children, namely: Helen M., born March 18, 1902, graduated from the Alliance high school, and then entered the Cedar Crest College for Women, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, from which she was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Science, and is now art director for the H. K. McCann Advertising Company, of Cleveland, Ohio; Ralph H., Jr., born June 30, 1909, graduated from the Alliance high school, had one year in the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, and is now a student in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Virginia.

In his political views, Mr. Donaldson is a strong republican, with prohibition leanings. During his early manhood he was a member of the Ohio National Guard for three years, and during the World war took an active part in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, contributing to the best of his ability to the success of local war measures. He is a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Council, No. 112, R. & S. M.; Franklin Commandery, No. 44, K. T., of Franklin, Pennsylvania; Venango Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., Valley of Oil City, Pennsylvania; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron, Ohio; the Alliance Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and trustee of the Union

Avenue Methodist Episcopal church and teaches an adult Bible class of one hundred and thirty members. Golf and motoring are his favorite forms of recreation, but, aside from his business affairs, his chief interest lies in church work. While a resident of Franklin, Pennsylvania, he was a member of the building committee of five that erected the new Methodist church, and wherever he has lived he has consistently identified himself with the local church of his faith. Intelligent service and absolute loyalty have been the keynotes to his success in life and he commands to a marked degree the esteem of his business associates and the respect of the men under him. Kindly and cordial in his social relations, he has a wide acquaintance and has a large circle of loyal friends throughout the community in which he lives.

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#### D. PRENTICE LOOMIS

One of the outstanding figures among the coal dealers of northeastern Ohio is D. Prentice Loomis, treasurer and manager of the Canton Coal Company, one of the most important concerns in its line in this section of the state. His keen discrimination and business sagacity have made an influential factor in the coal interests of northern Ohio and he stands deservedly high in the business circles of his city and county. Born at New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 14th of June, 1877, he is a son of Rev. Edward and Martha Jane (Sechrist) Loomis. His father was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in January, 1839, and was of English descent, the family having been established in this country in the seventeenth century at Windsor, Connecticut. The farm on which settlement was then made is still the property of the Loomis family in America, having for many years been an endowed home for the members of the family. On the farm there also stands Loomis College, endowed by the family. One of the early members of the family was an assistant secretary to General Washington. Abner Loomis, the first of the name in Ohio, came in 1823 and settled near Mt. Vernon, where he engaged in farming until his death. His son, Edward, was reared and educated at Mt. Vernon and during his active life was engaged in educational work. He was also an ordained minister of the Church of the

Brethren, a branch of the Quaker church. His death occurred at New Philadelphia, Ohio, February 14, 1919, at the age of eighty years. His wife was born at New Philadelphia, February 17, 1843, and is a daughter of Elijah and Margaret (Kollar) Sechrist, both of whose families were numbered among the early settlers of Tuscarawas county, where they located early in the nineteenth century. They were of German descent. Mrs. Loomis is now residing in Stark county. To Rev. and Mrs. Loomis were born eight children, two sons and six daughters, of whom three daughters are deceased.

D. Prentice Loomis, who is the seventh in order of birth in the family, was educated in the public schools of New Philadelphia and remained on the home farm to the age of eighteen years, when he began teaching school, following that vocation in his home county for four years. He then became connected with the coal business in New Philadelphia and when the headquarters of his company was moved to Canton he came here and has been identified with the business continuously since. It is noteworthy that the members of the firm with which he started are all, in so far as they are living, still connected with the company. As treasurer and manager of the business, Mr. Loomis has been very active in its operation and has gained a wide reputation for clear-headed judgment and a conservatism that has made him a sound and safe advisor. During the World war, Mr. Loomis was president of the Northern Ohio Coal Operators Association and represented this district in Washington during the various conferences relative to the troublesome problems of that period. He was also president of the Coal Shippers Pool Association of Canton until it was disbanded after the war.

On June 5, 1902, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Brown, who was born in Tuscarawas county, November 15, 1882, and is a daughter of Christopher and Lola M. (Johnston) Brown, whose respective families were early settlers of that locality. Mrs. Loomis is an active member of the Canton Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis have three children: Eugene A., born at New Philadelphia, March 29, 1903, married to Miss Anna Belle Baum, of Canton, and they have a daughter, Shirley Ann, born July 24, 1926; Frederick C. was born December 22, 1908, and Willard P., on March 18, 1911. Mr. Loomis gives his political support to the republican party, while

fraternally he is a charter member of Lathrop Lodge, No. 676, F. & A. M., and also holds membership in the York Rite bodies in this city and Scottish Rite bodies in Canton and Cleveland. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Lakeside Shrine Club, and served as a member of the committee which had in charge the construction of Canton's new Masonic temple. He and his wife are active members of the First Presbyterian church, and he has given his earnest support to the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He has shown a public-spirited interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of Canton and Stark county and his is a well balanced mental and moral nature, marked by those traits of character which have made him a useful citizen and gained for him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM A. WHITE, M. D.

Dr. William A. White, one of Canton's best known medical practitioners, is essentially a self-made man, having secured his education through his own efforts, while his professional record has stamped him as a man of alert mentality and sound judgment, for he has been distinctly successful in the treatment of human ailments. He was born in Weston, Lewis county, West Virginia, June 15, 1870, and is a son of Marcellus and Flora (Gibson) White. The family, of Irish lineage, was established in this country by the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, who fought in the war of the Revolution. Marcellus White was born and reared in West Virginia and devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, being the owner of five hundred acres of land, on which he specialized in stockraising. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, who was of English descent, was born and reared in Lewis county, West Virginia, and was a daughter of Smith Gibson, one of the early settlers of that locality. Both parents are now deceased, Marcellus White dying in 1897, at the age of sixty-four years. To him and his wife were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom six survive, William A. being the eighth in order of birth.

William A. White received his early education in the public and

high schools of Weston, near which town he was reared, after which he attended the State Normal School at Fairmont, West Virginia, and Broadus College, at Clarksburg, that state. He remained at home, assisting his father in the operation of the farm, until twenty years of age, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and matriculated in the Eclectic Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. Locating at Leipsic, Putnam county, Ohio, he engaged in the practice of his profession, remaining there until 1907, when he came to Canton. From 1907 to 1909 he took post-graduate work in Chicago and Cincinnati, since which time he has engaged in the practice of medicine. He is a member of the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the National Eclectic Medical Association.

On May 30, 1899, at Leipsic, Ohio, Dr. White was united in marriage to Miss Mae Emery, a native of Henry county, Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph S. and Louisa (Lowrey) Emery, both of whose families are prominent in that locality. Mrs. White received her early education in the schools of Putnam county, Ohio, is a graduate of the physical education department of Oberlin College of the class of 1896, and then entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, winning the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1899. During the subsequent years, excepting during the period while she was rearing her children, she has practiced in association with her husband and is recognized as an able and successful physician. She too is a member of all of the medical societies. She inherited her love for the profession, her grandfather having been the first physician in Carroll county and her mother and two of her uncles on her father's side practiced medicine in Ohio. Dr. Mae E. White takes a very deep interest in young girls, frequently lectures at the Young Women's Christian Association and in the public schools, and her advice and motherly care for the young of her sex, married and unmarried, has been greatly appreciated. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Canton Women's Club and is a popular member of the circles in which she moves. Dr. and Mrs. White are the parents of two children, Margaret Emery, born July 10, 1912, and William A., Jr., September 3, 1914.

Dr. White gives his political support to the republican party

and takes a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Leipsic, Ohio, as well as other branches of the order, including the Scottish Rite Consistory. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias in West Virginia, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Canton. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Baptist church of Canton, to which they give generous support, as they do to worthy benevolent causes. Closely devoted to their profession, as a means of promoting the health and welfare of their fellow beings, and with a sincere interest in all that affects the well being of those about them, they have well merited the confidence and respect in which they are uniformly held throughout their community.

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#### HERMAN L. ART

Herman L. Art, who conducts a well appointed jewelry store at 432 Tuscarawas street east, Canton, has been the architect of his own fortunes and owes his advancement in the business world to his indomitable perseverance and good judgment, backed by sterling integrity in all the relations of life. Mr. Art was born in Columbus, Ohio, August 27, 1898. His father, Abe Art, was born in London, England, where he was reared and educated, and on coming to the United States located in Saginaw, Michigan, where he followed the jeweler trade until 1914, when he came to Canton and established the present store, under the name of Abe Art & Son. He remained identified with that business until June, 1923. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rose Klein, was a native of Germany and was brought to this country in young girlhood by her parents, who located in Saginaw, Michigan, where she was reared, there becoming the wife of Mr. Art. Of their five children, three survive: Jack, who lives in Canton; Herman L., and Bernett. The mother died March 16, 1920, at the age of forty-seven years.

Herman Art was educated in the public schools of Zanesville, Ohio, after which he took a commercial course in the Zanesville Business College. He went to work for his father, under whom he learned the jeweler's trade, and then became associated with the

Vitagraph Film Company as a traveling salesman, which line he followed for several years. For about two and a half years he was on the vaudeville stage as a member of the team of Herman and Tucker, known as "The Boys of Melody Lane," in which act they appeared in all of the principal cities of the United States, and, husbanding his resources, in 1923 he started his present establishment in a modest way, but as he prospered he added to his stock and during the subsequent years his business has steadily grown until today he owns a store and stock which are a credit to his business ability and enterprising spirit. He is courteous and accommodating, has gained the confidence of the public, and carries high class goods, so that his is one of the leading jewelry stores of Canton.

On August 15, 1926, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Art was united in marriage to Miss Sara Goldman, who was born in New York city, April 9, 1903, and is a daughter of Nathan and Tilda (Shetel) Goldman, but the father died in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1910, at the age of forty-two years. The mother now lives in Akron. Mr. Art is a member of the Knights of Pythias in Canton and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Genial and affable in manner, he has made many warm friends since locating in Canton, and throughout the community he commands uniform respect and good will.

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#### DAVID E. ESCHLIMAN

David E. Eschliman, vice president of the W. J. Uebelhart Company, realtors, of Canton, has earned a reputation as an energetic and progressive business man and is regarded as one of the most efficient real estate dealers of this city. He was born at Wilbur, Nebraska, January 17, 1878, and is a son of John and Caroline (Miller) Eschliman, who now reside in Canton. On the paternal side, Mr. Eschliman comes of sturdy old Swiss stock, and two of his maternal uncles, John and Israel Miller, fought in the Union Army during the Civil war.

Mr. Eschliman attended the North Cherry and South Market street public schools in Canton, and then went to work as a clerk in a grocery store, following that line for three years, after which

he served a three years' apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. His next job was that of toolmaker with the C. Aultman Company, with whom he remained three years, when he went to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, where he had charge of the experimental room for a time, later being made superintendent of the round door department. He served for eleven years as a factory expert, in which capacity he was subject to call anywhere in the United States on any safe that refused to open or local experts could not open. He remained with the Diebold Company until March 4, 1916, when he became a salesman with the Zettler Realty Company, in which capacity he achieved a distinctive success and, liking the business, on June 6, 1918, he joined the W. J. Uebelhart Company as a salesman. On the incorporation of that company he became its vice president and so continues, rendering valuable and appreciated assistance in the operation of the business. This well known company conducts a general real estate business, specializing in allotments, and has been very successful, having proven a large factor in the development and upbuilding of the city.

On April 25, 1900, in Canton, Mr. Eschliman married Miss Dora Amelia Uebelhart, who was born in this city, May 4, 1876, a daughter of Ferdinand and Lucinda (Wenger) Uebelhart, the former born in Switzerland, and died in 1895, while the latter was born in Ohio and died in 1904. The Wenger family also is of Swiss origin, Mrs. Eschliman's paternal great-grandfather having come from Switzerland to Ohio, settling in Stone Creek, Tuscarawas county. Mr. and Mrs. Eschliman are the parents of two daughters, Helen R., born June 24, 1901, and Margaret B., born April 24, 1909, the latter a senior in the McKinley high school.

The republican party has always received Mr. Eschliman's allegiance and he has taken an active interest in local public affairs. In 1917-18 he served as a member of the city council from the first ward and on September 8, 1926, was appointed a member of the city civil service commission, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, the Spanish-American War Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Real Estate Board, while, socially, he belongs to the Triangle Club. He and his wife are earnest members of the First United Brethren church, to which they give liberal support, as they do also to all other worthy causes. Mr. Eschli-

man is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted on April 26, 1898, in Company F, Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged on November 21, 1898. A man of keen mentality and broad views, he has shown a deep interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of his community and is regarded as one of Canton's best citizens, dependable in every relation of life.

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### JAMES H. EMSLEY

Among the members of the Stark county bar, James H. Emsley has gained recognition as an able and dependable lawyer, being generally regarded as one of the most promising of the younger attorneys of Canton, where he is building up a very satisfactory practice. Born on the 12th day of January, 1902, in Jamestown, New York, he is a son of Ralph and Christine Margaret (Morgan) Emsley. His father was a native of England and there lived until 1895, when he came to the United States, settling in Providence, Rhode Island. Later he moved to Jamestown, where he was married in December, 1899, living there until 1913, when he came to Canton, Ohio, where he engaged in mechanical pursuits until his death, at the age of forty-seven years. His wife was born on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, and died in Canton October 14, 1918, at the age of thirty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Emsley were born two children: James H., of this review; and Edith Viola, who died in August, 1920, at the age of sixteen years.

James H. Emsley acquired his early education in the public schools of Jamestown, New York, and Canton, Ohio, attending the Central and McKinley high schools in this city and graduating from the latter in 1919. For three years following he served as business manager for the Canton Business Men's Credit Bureau, during which time he studied law under the preceptorship of Russell J. Burt. He entered Ohio Northern University at Ada in September, 1922, and on January 12, 1925, he was admitted to practice. For a few months he was associated with the law firm of Turner, Ake & Abt, and on October 1, 1925, formed a partnership with Donald Smyth, under the firm name of Emsley & Smyth,



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since which time they have been engaged in the general practice of law, with offices in the First National Bank building.

On August 14, 1926, at Williamstown, Kentucky, Mr. Emsley was united in marriage to Miss Lucile McClure, a native of that state and a daughter of John J. McClure, whose family is of Irish origin, representatives of the name settling in Virginia during colonial days. Mrs. Emsley's great-grandfather was a veteran of the war of 1812 and his son was a lieutenant in the Union army, serving during the entire period of the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Emsley was born a daughter, Edith Viola, on July 10, 1927.

Mr. Emsley is a stanch republican in his political views and has been active in local public affairs. In 1925 he was elected a member of the Canton city council, and in 1927 was re-elected for a second term. He is secretary of the Civitan Club of Canton, president of the Ohio Northern University Alumni Association and a member of the Stark County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Fraternally, he belongs to Ada Lodge, No. 344, F. & A. M., at Ada, Ohio, and the Sigma Pi college fraternity, and his religious connection is with the First Christian church. His chief diversion from professional duties is the reading of good literature and he is a close student of history and political science. His genial manner and splendid personal qualities have gained for him the esteem of his associates and throughout the community he is held in the highest regard.

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### ORLANDO HOLMES BACHTEL

The late Orlando H. Bachtel was a worthy representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Stark county. No record of the commercial development of Canton would be complete without due reference to him, for he established and built up one of the most important lumber concerns in this section of the state. He was a man of far-sighted vision, clear-headed judgment and strong determination, and his business was founded on sound principles and developed along progressive lines, so that ultimate success was the logical result. Mr. Bachtel was born on the 9th of

November, 1858, at Eleventh street and Market avenue south, Canton, and his death occurred on March 1, 1927. He was a son of Moses A. and Lydia M. (Welch) Bachtel, of whom the former was born in Pike township, Stark county, June 14, 1821, and died May 14, 1903, while the latter was born in Marlboro township, Stark county, January 9, 1826, and died March 6, 1861. The progenitor of this branch of the Bachtel family in this country was John Jacob Bachtel, born on March 6, 1750, and was of Swiss descent. He first settled in Maryland but later went to Berks county, Pennsylvania, moving gradually westward until 1813, when he came to Stark county, Ohio, where he died in 1815 and was buried in the old cemetery that is now McKinley Park. He was the father of Daniel Bachtel, who was born August 28, 1793, accompanied his father to Ohio in 1813, and died April 1, 1860, near Roanoke, Indiana. He married Mary A. Sherman, who was born September 27, 1798, in Greencastle, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John H. and Katrina (Schneider) Sherman, and who died May 31, 1877. They became the parents of Moses A. Bachtel, father of Orlando H. Bachtel. The Welch family, which is of Irish origin, was founded in this country by Samuel Welch, who emigrated to the new world between 1790 and 1800 and settled in Delaware. Subsequently he came to Ohio and settled near Coitsville, Trumbull county.

Orlando H. Bachtel secured his educational training in the public schools of Canton, which he attended to the eighth grade, and in 1872 he worked as a mason's helper for one season. He was later with the Bolton Iron Foundry, and for several years was employed in a match factory owned by his uncle. His next position was with the C. Aultman Company, with which he remained until 1881, when he went to work for the Willis & Benskin Company, lumber dealers, as yard foreman, at a salary of forty dollars a month. Later he was with the Nicola, Stone & Myers Company, of Cleveland, and in 1894 he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the E. V. Babcock Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remaining with that concern until 1901, when he founded the Bachtel Lumber Company at 601 old Eighth street (now Third street), Canton. He started his business on a modest scale, his competitors referring to it as a "one-horse lumber yard." This phrase Mr. Bachtel shrewdly capitalized and today the large and complete lumber yard is still known under the trade name of "O. H. L. Y." and

is so advertised. By close attention and wise management, Mr. Bachtel soon found himself on the road to success, his business increasing to an extent that required larger quarters, and in 1908 he moved to the present location at 1324 Second street southwest, where he conducts a strictly first-class and up-to-date lumber yard and mill. The firm specializes in mill work, making quick deliveries of all work and materials, so that it has long had a reputation as a trustworthy and dependable concern. In addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Bachtel was a director of the Home Builders Savings Association.

Mr. Bachtel was married December 28, 1881, at Canton, by Rev. William L. Dixon, to Miss Ella J. Jackman, who died on July 24, 1896, leaving two children, namely: Myrtle Grace, born March 10, 1884, now the wife of Lawrence Grant, of Orlando, Florida; and Harry Wilbur, born July 28, 1890, and now president and treasurer of the Bachtel Lumber Company. On June 5, 1913, he married Miss Della M. Van Vlack. On December 14, 1898, Orlando H. Bachtel was married to Miss Jennie C. Moore, of Stow township, Summit county, Ohio, a daughter of James S. and Amanda Moore, the former born in Suffield, Ohio, and the latter in Randolph, this state. To this union also were born two children: Ruth Moore, born June 10, 1902, now in charge of the order department of the Bachtel Lumber Company; and James Rogers, born April 9, 1907, now an estimator for the Bachtel Lumber Company. The Moore family originated in England and the north of Ireland and was established in this country in an early day, representatives of the name coming from Massachusetts to Ohio in 1823, while the Austins, the maternal side of the Moore line, came from England to America in 1629 and settled first in Massachusetts, later removing to Connecticut.

Orlando H. Bachtel was a strong republican in his political views and took a keen interest in public affairs. He was a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Emeth Lodge of Perfection, Mystic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix and Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland. He was a member of Nimishillen Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the United Commercial Travelers, of which he was a past councilor. He also belonged to the Lakeside Shrine Club of

Canton, the Rotary Club, and the Canton Automobile Club, of which he was a director. He was a past president of the Builders Exchange, was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and a director and for three years president of the Ohio Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. He was a charter member of Simpson Methodist Episcopal church of Canton and took a deep and constant interest in its welfare and progress. He was recognized by all as a splendid citizen, one of Canton's leading men of affairs, progressive in all that the term implies. A man of lofty character, sturdy integrity and unswerving honesty, he was an exemplar of all that constituted true manhood and good citizenship and none stood higher than he in the confidence and esteem of the people of the city which he honored by his life and labors.

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#### IRWIN F. DICE, M. D.

Dr. Irwin F. Dice, who is numbered among the scholarly, able and successful physicians of Canton and commands a large and remunerative practice, was born at Strasburg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, April 8, 1884, and is a son of John and Catherine (Amos) Dice, both of whom were of German descent. His father was born near Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, and was a son of Charles Dice, who was born in Strasburg, Germany, where he was reared and educated. At the age of nineteen years he came to the United States, settling in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1832. There he engaged in farming and stock-raising and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1890, at the age of seventy-seven years. John Dice spent his life in Tuscarawas county, where he too devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising, and he died on the old homestead at Strasburg, in 1922, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, born in May, 1858, at Dundee, Tuscarawas county, is a daughter of Charles Amos, who was an early settler of that county. She is now living in Canton. To John and Catherine Dice were born three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living, namely: Charles, Mazie, Elmer, Irwin, Lydia and Oda.

Irwin F. Dice received his early education in the public schools of his native county, after which he attended Ohio Northern University, Wooster College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and the

Medical school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1913. He served one year as interne in St. Luke's Hospital, at Cleveland, and then located in Canton, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession. After leaving home, at the age of eighteen years, Dr. Dice engaged in teaching school for two years in Tuscarawas county and three years in Stark county. His residence is at 1303 Cleveland avenue northwest. He has enjoyed a steady growth in practice, until today he stands among the leaders of his profession in this city. He is a member of the Canton Medical Society, the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the World war he rendered efficient service as a member of the medical examining board.

On May 31, 1916, Dr. Dice was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Braden, who was born in Painesville, Ohio, and is a daughter of William and Emma (Rhoda) Braden, both deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Dice are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn, who was born in this city, June 10, 1919. The Doctor is a republican in his political views. He is devoted to his profession, of which he is a close and constant student, keeping in touch with the latest advances in the healing art, and, being especially strong in diagnosis, has proven himself an able and reliable physician. He has taken great interest in the general welfare of his community and has won and retains a high place in public esteem.

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### ARTHUR R. TURNBULL

Arthur R. Turnbull is manager of the Canton Chaplet Company, and it is safe to say that no citizen of Canton stands higher in public regard, for his record as a business man, public official and private citizen has stamped him as a man of marked ability, sterling integrity and high ideals. Absolute fidelity to principle has characterized his life and he has stood as an exemplar of the highest civic virtues. Mr. Turnbull was born in England on the 27th of May, 1866, and is a son of T. K. and Jane (McArthur) Turnbull, also natives of that country, where the father was a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church. In 1870 the family came

to the United States, settling in Canton, where the father engaged in the building and contracting business, to which he devoted his attention to the time of his death. He was made an American citizen at Canton in 1880, and thereafter gave his political support to the democratic party. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, where also worshipped William McKinley, and between them there sprang up a strong friendship. Mr. Turnbull died in Canton, and his wife followed him in death about six months afterwards. They were parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom six were born in this country. All are living and nine reside in Canton.

Arthur R. Turnbull was educated in the public schools of Canton and at the age of fifteen years started out to earn his own livelihood. When a young man of nineteen, he became associated with his father in the contracting business but later began contracting on his own account, following that business until 1906, when he became interested in manufacturing and has since been connected with the Canton Chaplet Company, of which he is the general manager, and which he has developed into a large and important concern, located at 338 Third street southeast.

On May 1, 1890, in Canton, Mr. Turnbull was united in marriage to Miss Ella C. Oliver, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of George and Emma (Coyle) Oliver, both members of old and prominent families of Stark county. Mrs. Turnbull is a member of the Ladies Knight Templar Club, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and various Masonic auxiliary organizations for ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull are the parents of a daughter, Fern, who was born April 1, 1891, and is the wife of O. J. Fielding, of this city, and the mother of two children, Phyllis and Arthur R. II.

In his political views Mr. Turnbull is a Roosevelt democrat and has long taken an active interest in public affairs. In 1896 he was elected on the democratic ticket to the city council, of which body he was a member for six years. During this period he rendered such able service to his community that it was a natural sequence that in 1903 he was elected mayor of the city, to which office he was four times reelected, serving eight years. The city of Canton has never had a better administration, for Mr. Turnbull permitted no influence to swerve him from what he believed to be right, and he retired from the office firmly entrenched in the confidence and

respect of his fellowmen, who appreciated his earnest efforts to promote the best interests of all the people as far as was possible to do so. Mr. Turnbull was made a Mason in McKinley Lodge, No. 431, in 1889, and during all of the subsequent years has maintained a live interest in the work of that time-honored order. He is a member of all branches of the York and Scottish rites and in 1916, in recognition of his eminent and faithful service, the honorary thirty-third degree was conferred upon him, in the northern jurisdiction. He is an earnest member of the First Christian church, in the welfare of which he has shown a keen interest, and is serving on the finance committee of the Men's Bible class of the Sunday school. Though firm as adamant in upholding his principles, Mr. Turnbull is kindly and affable in manner, is an agreeable companion and one who enjoys the society of his friends. From his father, who was a man of lofty principles and great strength of character, he undoubtedly inherited those traits which have distinguished him in his public and private career, and which have made him well worthy of the high esteem in which he has long been held by his fellowmen, regardless of politics or creed.

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### FRED I. HEIM

Fred I. Heim, who conducts a high class grocery and meat shop at 221 East Main street, Alliance, established this business on the sound basis of the best quality of goods at reasonable prices, and has met with a very satisfactory measure of success. Mr. Heim was born in Switzerland, November 7, 1873, and was brought to the United States in 1881, when eight years old, by his uncle, G. H. Heim, and four sisters who settled in Wooster, Ohio. Subsequently G. H. Heim went to Oklahoma, leaving his nephew among strangers in Wooster. However, he was ambitious to secure an education and attended the public schools, graduating from high school, after which he attended Wooster College two years and later graduated from the Wooster Business College. In 1893 he became stenographer and bookkeeper for the Warner & Swasey Company, in Cleveland, manufacturers of iron and brass working machinery. He was with that concern for five years, after which he returned to Wooster and for the ensuing twenty-three years de-

voted his attention to farming. He kept a fine herd of dairy cattle and was the first man in Wooster to bottle milk for retail use. During that entire period he supplied Wooster College with milk. He then engaged in the elevator business in Wooster for three years, and during the war period he served as secretary of the district exemption board, which had supervision over ten counties. In 1922 Mr. Heim came to Alliance and opened a grocery store in the market, in which he was fairly successful, and in 1924, he came to his present location, where he carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and fresh and smoked meats. He caters to the best class of trade in the city and, having proven absolutely dependable in all of his business relations, has become firmly established in public confidence.

On September 5, 1900, in Wooster, Ohio, Mr. Heim was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Brumbaugh, who was born in Orrville, Ohio, August 28, 1878, and is a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Irwin) Brumbaugh. Her father was born at Harrisburg, near Alliance, devoted his active years to farming, and died at that place, while his wife, who was born near Wooster, died in that city. Mrs. Heim, who graduated from Wooster College in 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is a member of the Alliance Women's Club and the Mt. Union College Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Heim are the parents of five children, namely: Thomas B., born in 1902, is a graduate of Wooster high school, attended Wooster College two years was graduated from Ohio State College, and is now a veterinary surgeon in Akron, Ohio. He married Miss Dorothy Lyons, of this city. Fred J., Jr., born May 28, 1904, graduated from Wooster high school, attended Wooster College and Mount Union College, and is now associated with his father in business. He married Miss Edna Harris, of Alliance, and they have two children, Richard and John; David I., born October 21, 1906, graduated from the Alliance high school and is now a senior in Mount Union College, class of 1928. Philip K., born December 12, 1908, is a senior in the Alliance high school. John W., born March 12, 1911, is a junior in high school. The republican party receives Mr. Heim's political support and he is a member of J. E. McFadden Lodge, No. 697, F. & A. M., and the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are members of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are greatly interested. Mr. Heim's record has been

a creditable one in every way and all who know him entertain for him the highest feeling of respect because of his business ability and his splendid personal qualities.

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### FRANK E. MARSH

Frank E. Marsh, manager at Canton for the Bankers Reserve Life Company, of Omaha, Nebraska, has well earned the proud title of self-made man, for he has made his own way in life since his fourteenth year and has gained success because of his determined persistence, his keenness of perception and his strength of character, thereby also winning the respect of his fellowmen. Mr. Marsh was born June 10, 1887, in Vastogirardi, Italy, and is a son of Dominic and Mary (Desernio) Marsh, also natives of that locality. In 1888 the father embarked on a sailing vessel and on his arrival in the United States went at once to West Virginia, where he secured employment in the coal mines. He there worked until December 6, 1907, when he and three hundred and sixty other miners lost their lives in a terrible mine explosion. He had become a naturalized citizen of this country. The mother is still living in Italy.

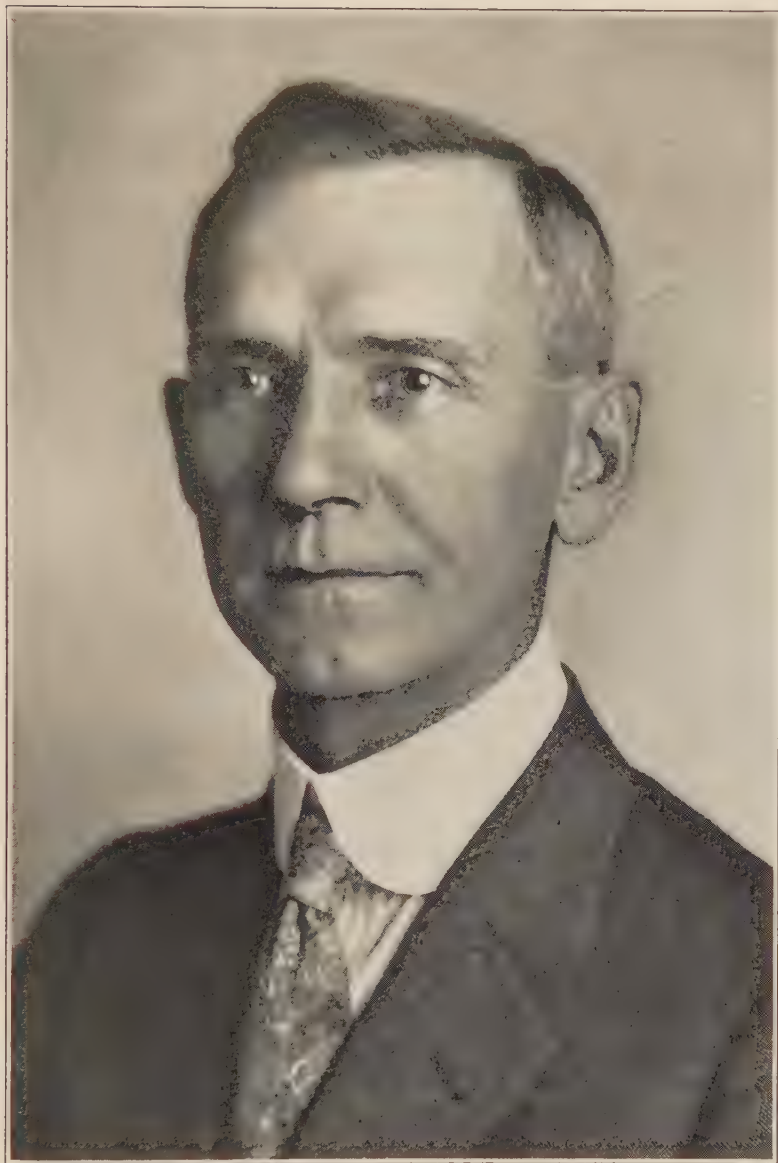
They were the parents of one child, Frank E., who was reared at home and secured a public school education. In 1901, when fourteen years of age, he came to the United States and proceeded direct to Pittsburgh, where he was employed for about one year, after which he came to Canton, where he has resided continuously since. He learned the trade of a car builder, which line of work he followed for ten or twelve years, and then turned his attention to the life insurance business, becoming an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Through faithful and efficient service he received promotions, eventually becoming assistant superintendent, and remained with that company six years. He then successfully engaged in the real estate business in Canton until 1927, when he accepted the position of manager for the Bankers Reserve Life Company, in which capacity he is still serving. He thoroughly understands every phase of the life insurance business and is rendering valuable service to his company through his energetic and well directed efforts.

On January 16, 1908, in Canton, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Minnie L. Visoce, who was born in Italy and is a daughter of Fred and Mary Visoce. Mrs. Marsh was brought to this country in 1888, when but eight months old, and here received a good public school education. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of four children, namely: William, born November 6, 1908; Mary A., born January 3, 1911; Florence, born August 15, 1913, and Fred, born December 8, 1915. Mr. Marsh was made a citizen of the United States in Canton in 1912 and has since given his political support to the democratic party. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and he and his wife are earnest members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. He is a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country, has taken a deep interest in the general welfare of his city and county, and has been true and faithful in every relation of life, so that his fellowmen accord him their confidence and esteem.

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#### WALTER G. ROLLER

In the development of the real estate interests of Alliance and vicinity, Walter G. Roller has been a prominent figure for several years and as president of the Roller Realty Company is now doing a large business and enjoying a fine measure of prosperity. He was born at Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 22d of May, 1871, and is a son of Samuel J. and Caroline (Heaton) Roller. His father was born near Washingtonville, Ohio, October 15, 1837, and died near Lisbon, April 14, 1896. He was interested in the milling business and was highly respected throughout the community in which he lived. He was a republican and served two terms as director of the county infirmary. He was a member of the German Reformed church, and was a veteran of the Civil war, having served during the greater part of the conflict as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was captured and confined in Andersonville prison for nine months. His parents, Jacob B. and Margaret (Gilbert) Roller, were natives of Pennsylvania. The father enlisted during the Mexican war, having previously been a brigadier general of militia, and he started for Mexico at the head of a



*Walter G. Foller*



company of cavalry but the war was over before they reached their destination. He devoted his life to farming. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was long an active supporter of the republican party, having served as a member of the board of county commissioners when eighty years of age. Caroline (Heaton) Roller was born near Washingtonville, Ohio, December 30, 1840, and died near Wynona, Ohio. She was a daughter of Jesse and Rachel (Paul) Heaton, both of whom were natives of Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

Walter G. Roller attended the district schools of Hanover township, Columbiana county, and the high school at Lisbon, completing his education in Ohio Northern University at Ada. He taught school for three years in Center township, Columbiana county, after which he located in Kensington, Ohio, where for four years he was engaged in the lumber business. Then, coming to Alliance, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as carding clerk, filling that position for two years, after which he entered the civil service as a mail carrier in Alliance. He was thus employed for five years and then entered into partnership with E. J. Galbreth and Walter M. Ellett, under the firm name of the Galbreth-Ellett Insurance Company, Inc., of which Mr. Roller was secretary and treasurer for three years. Selling his interest in that company, he bought a half interest in the College Hill Land Company, of which he became secretary, and Mr. Ellett, president. They carried that business on for thirteen years, and then, in March, 1917, the Roller Realty Company was organized and incorporated with Mr. Roller as president and Miss Lucy A. Powell as secretary and treasurer. This concern has been well managed and has enjoyed a large and prosperous business, being numbered among the solid and influential organizations in its line in the community. Mr. Roller is a director in the Workmen's Bank of Alliance.

On December 28, 1892, near Lisbon, Ohio, Mr. Roller was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Marietta, who was born January 2, 1873, and is a daughter of Joseph and Dorcas (Simms) Marietta. Her father was born near Hanoverton, Ohio, and followed farming during his active life but retired sometime prior to his death, which occurred in Alliance. He was a republican and a member of the Christian church. His wife was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, and died in Alliance. Mrs. Roller secured her

education in the district school near East Rochester, Ohio, and is a member of the First Christian church and all of its societies. Mr. and Mrs. Roller are the parents of three children, namely: Lester Homer, born November 24, 1893, was graduated from the Alliance high school and attended Mount Union College. He volunteered for service in the World war June 17, 1917, and was sergeant major of Company M, One Hundred Thirty-sixth Machine Gun Battalion of the Thirty-seventh Division, and was honorably discharged March 20, 1919. He is now state fire insurance agent for the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company, with headquarters in Alliance. He married Miss Margaret Atwell, of Alliance, and they have a daughter, Mary Atwell. Everett Russell, born February 1, 1900, attended the public schools of Alliance, was graduated from Bellefonte Academy at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; attended the University of Michigan, and was graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh. He is now a practicing architect in Alliance. Helen Dorcas, born October 20, 1903, was educated in the public schools of Alliance and Mount Union College, and is the wife of Harold W. Wagner, a member of the firm of Graham & Christ, monument makers in Alliance. They have a daughter, Sallie Arlene.

Mr. Roller is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Christian church. He belongs to the Alliance Chamber of Commerce and has shown a commendable interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county. He is essentially a man of affairs, sound of judgment and farseeing in what he undertakes, and is well worthy of the respect and confidence which are accorded him by his fellowmen.

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### JAMES T. ANDERSON

James T. Anderson, president and general manager of the Superior Auto Wash and Alamite Service Company, has been conspicuous in the business, civic and political affairs of Canton and Stark county and is regarded as one of the community's influential and substantial citizens. Mr. Anderson was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1888, and is a son of James T. and Margaret (Purdy) Anderson. His father was born in 1857 at

Seneca Falls, New York, and was of Irish ancestry, though the family has been in this country for four generations. He was reared and educated in his native city and was a mechanical engineer, becoming a superintendent of drop forging. In 1892 he moved with his family to Canton, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1915, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a democrat in his political views. His wife was born in 1857, at Auburn, New York, and also was descended from an old New York family of Irish origin. She died in 1918, when sixty years of age. To them were born four children: Mary, the wife of Herman Bergmyer, of Canton; Lucile, who died at the age of six years; James T.; and George, who lives in Canton.

James T. Anderson attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1906, and then took a commercial course in the old East Ohio Business College. At the age of nineteen he started out to earn his own living, and for six years was a professional baseball player, during which period he played in the Southern, the Northwestern and the Ohio-Pennsylvania leagues, gaining a reputation as a player of more than ordinary ability. He then engaged in the stock and bond business, being associated with the Henry L. Doherty Company, of New York city, and the Geiger-Jones Company, of Canton, in which line of work he continued until 1924. He is now conducting a prosperous and growing business under the name of the Superior Auto Wash and Alamite Service Company, at 127 Fourth street southeast, Canton.

On January 10, 1913, in Canton, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss George L. Werntz, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of William O. and Sally (Sausser) Werntz, members of families of German origin, but long established in this city. Mr. Werntz, who is deceased, was an able and successful attorney of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of four children: James, born November 27, 1914; Jack, March 5, 1916, Mary, October 4, 1918, and Thomas Patrick, December 22, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Church of Christ Scientist, and politically are active supporters of the republican party. In 1924 he was elected to represent Stark county in the state legislature, and was reelected, serving in the eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh sessions of that body. He took an active and prominent part in its deliberations and was on a number of important committees, including those on banks, building and

loan, civil service and fees and salaries. He was also the author of a bill abolishing the office of justice of the peace, and his service was marked by an honest effort to advance the public interests in every possible way. During the World war he was a member of the Ohio State Guards and also took an active part in all of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the United Commercial Travelers, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and belongs to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. True and faithful in every relation of life, he is a man of high ideals and helpful public spirit, and his record as legislator, business man and citizen has gained for him a high place in the respect of his fellowmen, while among his associates he is deservedly popular.

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#### WILLIAM WYLIE SCOTT, M. D.

Among the worthy citizens of Canton whose activities are contributing in no small degree to the welfare and prestige of the community stands Dr. W. Wylie Scott, who has received wide recognition as an able and skilled surgeon and has built up a large practice in this city and county. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1881, and is a son of William Vance and Mary Esther (Smith) Scott. The father was of Scotch lineage, being a direct descendant of Hugh Scott, who was born in the northern part of Ireland but was of Scotch blood, and who came to America in 1670, settling in Chester county, Pennsylvania. To this family belonged Samuel Scott, who served as a brigadier general in the War of 1812. The grandfather was Josiah N. Scott, who was born June 26, 1812, and who married Rachel Vance. The family resided for many years in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and there William Vance Scott was born May 21, 1850. He was reared and educated in that locality and became a successful farmer and stock-raiser. The latter years of his life were spent in Harrison county, Ohio, his death occurring at Hopedale, December 26, 1926, when he was seventy-six years of age. His political support was given to the republican party and in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His wife, Mary Esther (Smith) Scott, was born in

Jefferson county, Ohio, February 12, 1858, and was a daughter of William K. and Isabell (Wylie) Smith. The ancestry in the paternal line is traced back to William Smith, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, early in the eighteenth century and on coming to America settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. One of his descendants, James Smith, born May 29, 1780, married Esther Rankin and entered a section of land in Jefferson county, Ohio, the grant to which was signed by Thomas Jefferson, then president of the United States, on the 8th of February, 1807. It was upon that farm that Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Scott was born. Her father William K. Smith, was born July 27, 1828, and passed away July 25, 1911, while his wife, who was born April 12, 1832, died September 3, 1912. She was a direct descendant of Adam Wylie, who was born in Ireland in 1700 and became the father of four sons, Adam, Peter, William and Hugh. Mrs. Isabell Smith was a daughter of William and Mary (Porter) Wylie, the former born February 10, 1802, and the latter May 10, 1803. Mrs. William Vance Scott died August 2, 1913, at the age of fifty-five years.

W. Wylie Scott, who was the only child born to his parents, secured his elementary education in the public schools of Hopedale, Ohio, after which he pursued a classical course in Ohio University at Athens. He then matriculated in the medical department of Grant University at Chattanooga, Tennessee, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1907. He further pursued his studies in the medical school of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, from which he was graduated in 1909. He engaged in the practice of his profession at Crystal River, Florida, where he remained from July, 1907, to July, 1908, when he returned to Cleveland, where he took post-graduate work in Western Reserve University. He then located in Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, where he engaged in general practice for eight years, after which he went to Chicago, where he took post-graduate work in surgery in the Westside Hospital from October 1, 1916, to April, 1917. In the ensuing May he came to Canton, where he has since devoted himself closely to the practice of his profession, specializing in surgery. He is also an associate member of the surgical staff of Aultman Hospital, Canton. He is a member of the Canton Medical Library Association, of which he was treasurer, and then president in 1924; the Stark County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the World war he served as a member of the medi-

cal examining board and was city physician of Canton from 1917 to 1920.

On June 15, 1907, in Augusta, Carroll county, Ohio, Dr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Lena Leola Caldwell, who is a native of Kansas and a daughter of William and Hortense L. (DeFord) Caldwell, an old and well known family of that locality. Mrs. Scott is a charter member of the Canton Women's Club, and a member of the Sorosis Club and other social organizations. To Dr. and Mrs. Scott have been born two children: William Walter, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 19, 1909; and Wanda Leola, born in Bolivar, Ohio, June 11, 1913.

The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with Lathrop Lodge of the Masonic order and is a past chancellor of Anchor Lodge, No. 444, of the Knights of Pythias at Bolivar. He also belongs to the Canton Club, the Congress Lake Club, and is a charter member of the Optimist Club, of which he was president in 1928. He and his wife are affiliated with the First Presbyterian church, to which they give liberal support and in the activities of which Mrs. Scott is greatly interested. Strong mental endowment, thorough technical education and a ready and sincere sympathy for those who are physically afflicted, have contributed to Dr. Scott's success and he is uniformly regarded as a distinct asset to his community, commanding the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### JAMES B. WEIDA

The life history of James B. Weida, proprietor of the J. B. Weida Welding and Tool Company, of Canton, is an interesting one, being the story of determined and persevering effort and of progress from an humble beginning to an ultimate and worthy success. Mr. Weida was born at Reading, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of October, 1863, and is a son of Daniel W. and Susan (Butz) Weida, natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania. The father is deceased, and the mother, who was born on June 8, 1842, died February 19, 1924. The Weida family originated in Holland and one of Daniel W. Wieda's brothers, J. W. Weida, served as a captain in the Union Army during the Civil war and was wounded in the

battle of Gettysburg. The progenitor of the Butz family in this country was Jonathan Butz, who came from Bavaria in 1742, landing at Philadelphia, and either he or his son fought in the Revolutionary war. One of his descendants, Jonathan, was a soldier in the Civil war. Mr. Weida's paternal grandmother was a Weiler and his maternal grandmother was a Wagonhurst.

James B. Weida had but little opportunity for securing an education, consisting of three months' attendance at the school at Long Swamps, Berks county, Pennsylvania. However, he has educated himself by private study and habits of close observation and is well informed on a wide range of subjects. At the age of nine years he went to work in cotton mills at Reading, where he was supposed to receive twenty-five cents a day, but at the end of two weeks he never received over two dollars. He remained in that mill for six months and then hired out as an off-bearer in a brick yard, where he was employed at fifty cents a day for four years. His next job was with the Wilson Optical Company, with which he remained two years, employed in grinding frames. In 1879 he started to work as a blacksmith's apprentice with the Reading Railroad, holding that job for nearly eight years, and in 1887 came to Canton. He first worked here as a foreman in the blacksmith shop for the old Cleveland & Canton Railroad, which position he held for five years, after which he became a foreman for the Elbel Company. In 1896 Mr. Weida went to work as a foreman in the blacksmith shop of the Cleveland, Canton & Southern Railroad, remaining there until 1901, when he accepted a similar place with the C. Aultman Company. A year and a half later he organized the Canton Drop Forge and Manufacturing Company, of which he was president, but sold out at the end of a year and went to work for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. In 1906 he was again with the Elbel Company, remaining there until 1909, when he went to the United Engineering and Foundry Company for a while. He then returned to the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, remaining until April 5, 1913, when he organized the J. B. Weida Welding & Tool Company. He is located in the rear of 1501 Third street southeast, where he has a first-class general blacksmithing, machine, tool, general repairing and acetylene welding plant. Here he has built up a large and prosperous business, being widely known as an expert in his lines. He is also president of the Better Battery Company, located on Fifth street southwest, which manufactures

an autotmobile and radio battery which gives more than a third more service than any other standard battery, and which is gaining rapidly in public favor.

On December 24, 1881, in Reading, Pennsylvania, Mr. Weida was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Muench, who was born in that city, April 11, 1863, and is a daughter of Edward and Rosette (Hafer) Muench, the former born in Leipsic, Germany, and the latter in Berksboro, Berks county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Weida are the parents of ten children, as follows: James Edward, who married Miss Winifred Cook and lives in Sacramento, Claifornia; Emma, the wife of Warren Parks of Canton; Harry B., married Miss Tillie Mack Fessel and resides in Cleveland, Ohio; John W., who married Miss Maude Miller and lives in Beloit, Wisconsin; Sallie B., who is the wife of Roy Hagy and resides in Los Angeles, California; Homer A., who married Miss Dorothy Rebstock and lives in North Industry, Ohio; James R., who married Miss Pauline Freitag and lives in Canton; Millard F., who married Miss Lucile Lesh and lives in Fairhope, Ohio; William M., who married Miss Mary Sloat and lives in Canton; and Anthony W., who married Miss Mary Hay and lives in Canton. There are also twenty-four grandchildren. Mr. Weida gives his support to the republican party and though a busy man has not neglected his duties of citizenship and has shown a proper interest in the welfare of his city. He is a member of McKinley Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., and Nazir Grotto, and he and his wife are devoted members of the First Christian church of Canton. He is successful in business, is respected in social life and has proven a loyal and enterprising citizen, so that throughout the community in which he lives he has long commanded the respect of his fellowmen.

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### HENRY P. JOHNSTON

Henry P. Johnston, president of Nusly Brothers Company, Inc., at 320 Rex avenue southeast, Canton, has gained a splendid reputation as an alert, enterprising and progressive business man, and the concern with which he is connected is engaged in the manufacture of machines that are revolutionizing the carpet cleaning business, being radical improvements over former mechanical

methods. Mr. Johnston was born in Canton on the 24th of October, 1887, and he is a son of Thomas F. and Jennie (Van Horn) Johnston. His father, who was of Scotch descent, was born near Youngstown, Mahoning county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. In the early '70s he came to Canton, where he followed cabinetmaking and patternmaking. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Canton. His death occurred in October, 1915, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife was born in Carroll county, Ohio, April 21, 1851, and died June 21, 1922, at the age of sixty-one years. They were the parents of five sons: George H., of Camden, New Jersey; Maurice Van Horn, of Canton; Donald L., who is engaged in the florist business in Canton; Henry P., of this review; and Thomas R., who lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Henry P. Johnston attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from the Central high school, and at the age of eighteen years started out to earn his living. He learned the patternmaking trade, after which he followed that vocation as a journeyman for several years. In 1917 he engaged in a manufacturing business and two years later took up the making of rug cleaning machines. The Nusly Brothers Company, which has won a national reputation, was incorporated in 1920, with Henry P. Johnston as president; C. N. Schicker, vice president, and L. E. Lytle, secretary and treasurer. They have a well equipped plant and manufacture the Seaman Dustless Rug and Carpet Cleaner, a vacuum beater that cleans. This is a fast and powerful machine that beats and vacuum-cleans without injuring the finest floor coverings in less time than any other method, producing a thorough cleaning job at the same time. They also make the Better Beater, which is the accumulative product of many years of endeavor and experience, and with which, it is claimed, costs actually go down, work is done faster and better, a smaller force is required to operate, and money is saved, as well as profits gained. Mr. Johnston has given his close attention to this business, which is enjoying a steady and substantial growth, and by his persistent and tireless efforts is realizing a gratifying measure of prosperity.

On July 16, 1917, in Canton, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Nusly, who was born and reared in this city, and is a daughter of Henry F. and Marie (Myers) Nusly. They are the parents of two children, Priscilla Ann, born January 21,

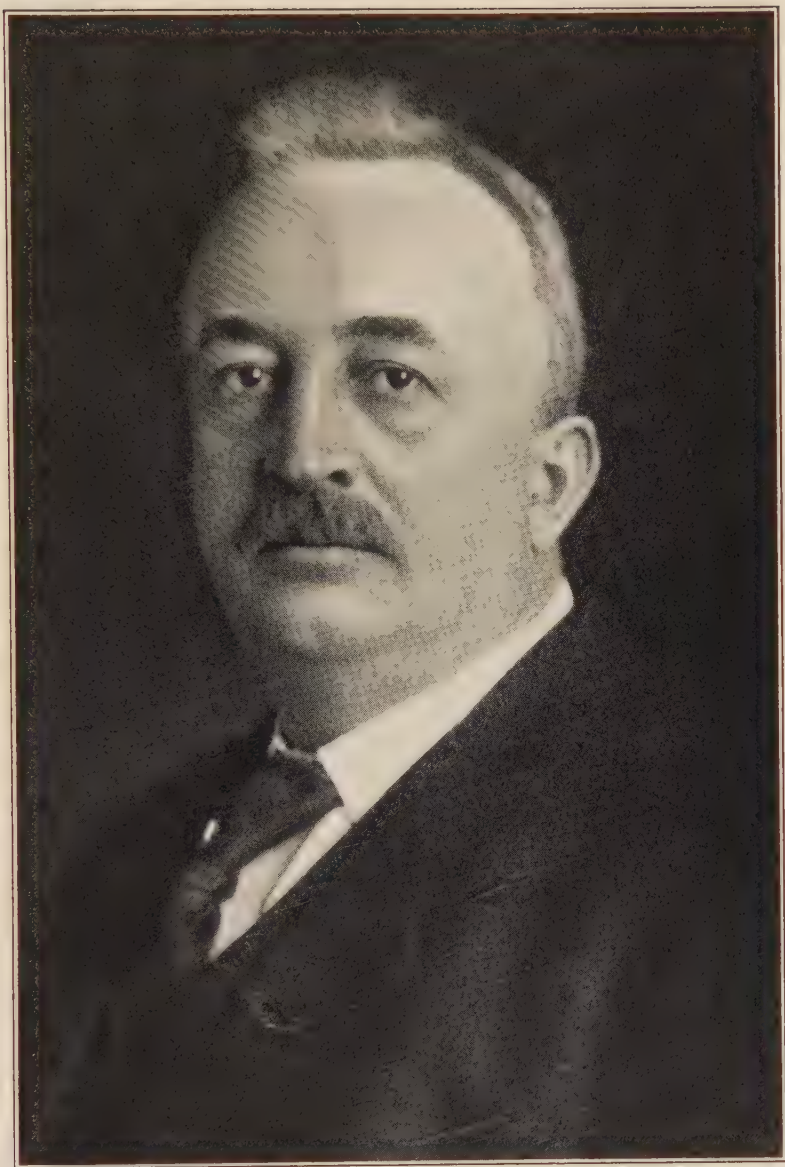
1921, and Henry Nusly, born September 5, 1922. Mr. Johnston is a republican in his political alignment and has given a due share of his attention to the general welfare. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and the Congress Lake Club, and he and his wife are earnest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. A man of sound principles, straightforward manner and honorable methods, he holds a high place in the business circles of Canton, while, socially, he is deservedly popular among his associates and friends.

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### THOMAS HENRY LANDOR, M. D.

A successful physician and surgeon with the breadth of view and ease of manner acquired by cosmopolitan experience, Dr. Thomas Henry Landor had an interesting and picturesque career of much usefulness and he long occupied a position of prominence in medical circles of Canton. A native of Canada, he was born August 15, 1862, in London, Ontario. His father, Dr. Henry Landor, was surgeon general of the East African gold coast and later went to Canada, becoming superintendent of the Provincial Asylums for the Insane in the province of Ontario. He married Mary Shaw and they are survived by six children: E. J. Landor, who is married and makes his home in Canton; M. E. Landor, of London, Ontario; Miss Annie Landor, who lives in Ottawa, Canada; Miss Kittie Landor, of Wolverhampton, England; Mrs. John Nickelson, whose home is in Vancouver, British Columbia; and Mrs. K. V. Mitchell, also a resident of Vancouver.

At the age of twenty-two Dr. Thomas H. Landor was graduated from McGill University of Montreal, Canada, receiving the M. D. and also C. M. degrees, and shortly afterward he became surgeon on a ship bound for Liverpool, England. Later he was a construction camp surgeon for the Canadian Pacific Railroad and was connected with the corporation when the line was extended to Vancouver, British Columbia, his being the first tent set up in that city. In 1890 he came to Ohio and opened an office in Canton, where he followed his profession until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he entered the military service of the country. Dr. Landor participated in the Cuban campaign



DR. THOMAS H. LANDOR



and afterward enlisted in the regular army, becoming a captain in the medical corps. For ten years he was stationed in the Philippines and in 1906 returned to Canton. Endowed with a kindly, sympathetic nature and a genial disposition, he inspired confidence and trust in his patients and was a true type of the family physician. Forgetful of self, he was always ready to respond to the call of duty and material rewards were a secondary consideration in the exercise of his beneficent calling. Well versed in the science of his profession, he used his knowledge to the best advantage in his efforts to combat disease and his practice assumed large proportions. In his earlier years Dr. Landor was surgeon on an English trading ship and during his travels visited practically every country in the world. His post-graduate work in the school of experience enhanced his knowledge and skill and at his death, May 6, 1920, he was police surgeon and smallpox physician for Canton, rendering valuable service to the city in these connections.

In the autumn of 1908 Dr. Landor was married in Woodstock, Canada, to Miss Minnie Hill, a graduate of a training school for nurses at Newburgh, New York. Efficient and conscientious, she advanced rapidly in her profession, becoming assistant superintendent of the Altman Hospital, and filling that responsible position until the spring of 1908, when she tendered her resignation. Mrs. Landor still makes her home in Canton, and possesses those virtues and accomplishments which grace her sex. The Doctor was a member of the Stark County and Ohio State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. His fraternal affiliations were with the Bears, the Eagles, the Moose and the Elks. A man of keen intelligence and high ideals, he was an ornament to his profession, and his friends were legion.

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### GEORGE W. GURNEY

George W. Gurney, superintendent for the Alliance Clay Products Company, attained his present position through faithful and intelligent service, and has proven well qualified for the duties which he performs. He was born in Waynesburg, Stark county, Ohio, on the 29th of March, 1890, and was reared by his paternal grandparents, George and Anna (Hailey) Gurney. George Gur-

ney was born in Belford, France, in 1824, and died in Paris, Ohio, in 1906. He was a blacksmith in his native country, but on coming to America engaged in farming in Stark county, Ohio. He had served seven years in the French army, and during the Civil war served three years and three months in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under General George B. McClellan. He was a staunch supporter of the republican party and was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife was born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1834, and died at Paris, Ohio, in June, 1916.

George W. Gurney attended the district school and had two years of high school work in Tuscarawas county. When fourteen years of age he went to work as a coal miner, following that occupation for two years, and was then employed in various paving brick plants at Malvern, Ohio, for about a year. On December 19, 1907, he came to Alliance and went to work as a laborer for the Alliance Clay Products Company. He gave his best efforts to his job and in the course of time was made a foreman, later became assistant superintendent, and in 1918 was appointed superintendent, which position he has since filled in a very capable and satisfactory manner.

At New Philadelphia, Ohio, on August 22, 1922, Mr. Gurney was united in marriage to Miss Erva Miller, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July 11, 1889, and is a daughter of Henry J. and Sarah Ann (Gerber) Miller. Her father was a native of Holmes county and died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in October, 1901. He was a successful farmer and stock dealer, gave his political support to the democratic party and was a Mennonite in his religious faith. His father, Jacob Miller, was a lifelong resident of Holmes county, followed agricultural pursuits, was a member of the Mennonite church and voted the democratic ticket. Sarah Ann (Gerber) Miller was born in Holmes county, April 17, 1856, and is now living at Shanesville, Ohio. Her parents, David and Mary (Hostetler) Gerber, were natives of Germany and on coming to the United States settled in Holmes county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining years. They too were members of the Mennonite church. Mrs. Gerber graduated from the high school at Shanesville, Ohio, and is a member of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal church and the Mt. Union College Women's Club. By a former marriage Mr. Gurney became the father of two children: Eugene Vincent, born June 29, 1913, is a freshman in the

Alliance high school, belongs to Reed's Boys Band, the Alliance high school band and the Boy Scouts; and Evalyn Marie, born March 21, 1917, is attending the public schools. Mr. Gurney is nominally a republican, but is independent in his voting. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sebring Fish and Game Association. He stands for the best things in the life of the community, is a man of sterling character and has proven his worth as a man and citizen, whereby he commands the uniform respect of the entire community.

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### JOHN C. SYLER

One of the leading drug stores of Canton is that of Yarger & Syler, at 415 Market avenue north, of which firm John C. Syler is a member. He possesses a thorough education in pharmacy, is an enterprising business man and by his progressive ideas and personal efforts has contributed in large measure to the upbuilding of the business. He was born in New Berlin (now North Canton), Stark county, on the 15th of April, 1894, and is a son of James A. and Ida (Lenz) Syler. His father, who is of Swiss descent, was reared and educated in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and for twenty years engaged in educational pursuits, having served for a number of years as principal of the New Berlin school. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his political affiliation is with the republican party. He has long been active in public and civic affairs and is at this time a member of the board of tax commissioners of Stark county. His wife, who is of German antecedents, is a native of Tuscarawas county. To them were born two children, Melanie and John C.

John C. Syler attended the public schools of New Berlin and Canton and then entered Ohio State University, from which he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. He was employed as a pharmacist for several years and in 1920 formed a partnership with Lester F. Yarger, under the firm name of Yarger & Syler, and bought the C. L. Finney drug store, which is one of the old and well known pharmacies of Canton. They carry a full line of pure drugs, standard proprietary remedies, toilet articles, stationery and sundries, and have a well arranged and attractive store.

They give prompt and courteous service and have drawn a large patronage throughout this section of the city.

On December 10, 1920, in Canton, Mr. Syler was united in marriage to Miss Alida Vail, who was born in this city and is a daughter of John H. Vail, of an old Wilmot family, long established in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Syler are the parents of two children, Christine, born June 23, 1923, and James Vail, born March 29, 1925. Mr. Syler gives his political support to the republican party and fraternally is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M., and Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and they take a commendable interest in the civic welfare of their city and county, supporting all measures for the advancement of the community. Mr. Syler has been the architect of his own fortune, having worked his own way through college, and all who know him recognize in him those qualities essential to good citizenship and true manhood.

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### CHARLES OWEN SILVER

In the death of Charles Owen Silver, on July 25, 1926, there passed away one of the most beloved and appreciated men who have ever honored Alliance with their citizenship—loved because of the kindly relations which always existed between him and all with whom he came into contact, and appreciated because of his sterling integrity, marked ability and strength of character. Closely identified through a long period of years with various and important public affairs, his administration of the offices he filled was marked by a fidelity to the trust reposed in him that won the spontaneous approval of his fellow citizens, whose respect he commanded to a marked degree. Mr. Silver was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of July, 1869, and was a son of Amos and Sarah Ann (Kelty) Silver. His father was born in Salem township, Columbiana county, Ohio, September 3, 1838, and died in Alliance, Ohio, January 1, 1892. For many years he had been engaged in the shoe business in this city, was a republican in his political views, and was an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

His wife was born in Bedford, Ohio, January 11, 1841, and died in Alliance November 19, 1913.

Charles O. Silver attended the Alliance high school and graduated from the commercial department of Mount Union College. For a while thereafter he was associated with his father in the shoe business, and then turned his attention to the painting and decorating trade, at which he was employed for a short time. He served as secretary in the house of representatives at Columbus during one session of the legislature, after which he served for two years as secretary of the board of equalization. Elected city auditor of Alliance, he continued in that responsible position for twenty-four consecutive years, rendering a high type of service, and on January 1, 1926, he was appointed by State Auditor Joseph Tracy to the important work of schedulizing the city of Cleveland, in which he was engaged to the time of his death. He was thorough and painstaking in everything he did and permitted nothing to interfere with the proper performance of his duties.

On February 14, 1901, at North Benton, Ohio, Mr. Silver was united in marriage to Miss Letta Craft, who was born at that place and is a daughter of Eli and Lucina (Owen) Craft. Her father, born at North Benton, September 16, 1845, was a successful mason contractor for many years but is now retired and lives in Alliance. He is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the First Presbyterian church. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1863 in the Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was on active duty until February, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. During his military service he assisted in the capture of General John H. Morgan, the notorious Confederate cavalry leader. His wife was born in Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, Ohio, July 27, 1840, and died in Alliance, Ohio, September 3, 1925, at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Silver attended the public schools in North Benton and Mt. Union College, after which she taught school at Uniontown prior to her marriage. She is an earnest member of the First Presbyterian church and has taught in the Sunday school for the past twenty-five years, having also previously taught in the Sunday school at North Benton. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is past worthy matron; belongs to the Mount Union Women's College Club; was one of the organizers of the Alliance Chapter of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil

War; and belongs to the Sans Souci Club and was a member of the committee which raised the necessary funds and made a sightly park of the city square, and her name is enrolled on the bronze tablet which was erected with names of all of the committee. She had a brother, Sherman Craft, of Alliance, who passed away at his winter home in Park Ridge, Florida, February 8, 1927. He married Miss Eva Miller, of Alliance, who survives him, together with their son, Earl, who lives in Salem, Ohio.

Mr. Silver was an ardent republican, taking an active interest in public affairs, and served as a member of the republican central committee. Fraternally he was a member of Conrad Lodge, No. 271, F. & A. M.; Alliance Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M.; Alliance Commandery, No. 67, K. T.; Al Koran Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Cleveland; Alliance Lodge, K. P., and Alliance Lodge, B. P. O. E. He belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and at one time was a member of the Alliance Country Club. During the World war he took an active and effective part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and was a faithful and devoted member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. In appreciation of his eminent services to his home city, Silver Park was named in his honor. His main diversions from the routine of official life were motor touring and reading. Of the latter he was passionately fond and was a constant student, being a man of accurate knowledge on a wide range of subjects. He was of singularly sweet and genuine nature. Although modest and unassuming and always easily approached, he had a sturdy and vigorous personality and in the best sense of the term was one of the representative men of his city, county and state. In his death there passed a good and useful man, but those who knew him best mourn him not as the public official and the leader of men, worthy as his achievements were, but as the good citizen, the faithful husband and the loyal and true friend.

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#### GEORGE HOWARD PHELPS, D. D. S.

Dr. George H. Phelps, whose office is at 410 Mellett building, Canton, is one of the able and reliable dentists of Stark county, and well merits the large practice which he enjoys. Dr. Phelps was born in Crestline, Crawford county, Ohio, on the 10th of August,

1884, and is a son of James W. and Della (Miller) Phelps. His father, who was of English descent, was born in Wellington, Lorain county, Ohio, and was a son of Daniel Phelps, a native of Connecticut. He was reared and educated in his home town and learned the carpenter trade, which he followed throughout his active life. He was a republican in politics and his religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in 1917, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife was born at Honeoye, Ontario county, New York, and was a member of an old family of that locality, of German origin. Her father, Calvin Miller, was a gunsmith by occupation and was well known and highly respected. Mrs. Phelps died in 1923, at the age of sixty-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were born six children, namely: Ida May, who is the wife of V. D. Wyman, of Coral Gables, Florida; William E., of Cleveland, Ohio; Harry, deceased; George H.; Claude, deceased; and Ruth C., who is the wife of J. M. Gardner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

George H. Phelps received his early education in the public schools of this state and entered the dental school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1910. He immediately came to Canton and became associated in the practice of his profession with Dr. J. F. Daugherty, with whom he remained until 1915, when he established his own office and has since been more than ordinarily successful. He has modern equipment and a well arranged office, and has gained a wide reputation for his ability and skill as an operator, through which he has built up a very gratifying practice.

On November 8, 1906, in Canton, Dr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Mabel G. Gerth, who was born in Galion, Crawford county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Charles L. and Eva M. (Purviance) Gerth. The Purviance family has long been established in Ohio, having originally settled in the southeastern part of the state. Dr. and Mrs. Phelps have five children, Elizabeth E., Mary Margaret, George H., Jr., June Louise and Marian Rose. The Doctor gives his political support to the republican party, and is a member and earnest supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association. He and his wife are members of the Calvary Presbyterian church and are deeply interested in worthy benevolent and charitable causes, giving their support to all enterprises for the

civic betterment of their community. The Doctor maintains professional affiliation with the Stark County Dental Society, the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He is a lover of outdoor sports, being particularly fond of golf, swimming and handball. Courteous and friendly in manner, he has a wide acquaintance throughout this city and commands the unqualified respect and esteem of all who know him.

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### C. CHARLES WYLER

C. Charles Wyler, member of the well known creamery firm of Wyler Brothers, of Canton, has made a distinctive success of this business through close application, hard work and the exercise of sound judgment, and he commands the respect of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Wyler was born in Canton, August 8, 1891, and is a son of Christian and Rosa (Rolli) Wyler, who were born in Berne, Switzerland, and now live in Uniontown, Ohio. One of their sons, Edwin H. Wyler, was an instructor in baking at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, during the World war.

C. Charles Wyler attended during the first four grades at the Woodlawn Avenue school, Canton, had two years in the grade schools in Hartville, Ohio, and two years at Brush Rural College. He then took a course in bookkeeping at the Canton Actual Business College, after which he went to work as a clerk for the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, in Canton. He held that position for five years and was then for three years in the office of the Timken Roller Bearing Company. On March 17, 1919, he became associated with his brother in the milk business, starting a route with one wagon on North Market street extension, Canton, and from that small beginning they have built up a prosperous business and are now operating five wagons and two trucks. They do business under the name of Wyler Brothers and several years ago they bought the two-story brick building at 1109 Second street north-east, where they have fourteen thousand square feet of floor space. Here they have an up-to-date pasteurizing plant and handle milk, cream, buttermilk and cottage cheese, both dry and prepared, and their trade is enjoying a steady growth, the high quality of their

products and their prompt and reliable service having gained for them the favor of all who have patronized them.

On March 4, 1916, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Mr. Weyler was united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Smith, who was born and reared in Canton and is a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Zeiter) Smith, both of whom also are natives of this city and still reside here. Mr. and Mrs. Wyler are the parents of three children: Walter Charles, born August 20, 1917, and Robert William, born April 20, 1922, now attending the Edgefield school; and Elinor May, born May 5, 1926. Mr. Wyler supports the republican party and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and Nazir Grotto, and he and his wife are members of the First Reformed church of Canton. A man of exemplary character, marked business ability and cordial and friendly manner, he has attained and retains a high place in public esteem and is regarded as one of the substantial and worthy citizens of his community.

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### JOSEPH A. BERNO

Joseph A. Berno is secretary and treasurer of Seitner's, Inc., one of Canton's leading department stores. A man of good education, marked business ability and sterling character, he holds a respected place in commercial circles and is actively contributing to the continued success of the old and well known establishment with which he is connected. Mr. Berno was born in Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, May 30, 1899, and is a son of William and Constance Louise (Walter) Berno. His family originally came from Alsace, Germany, and has long been established at Mansfield, where the paternal grandfather settled many years ago. There William Berno has long conducted a successful dry goods business, owning one of the leading stores in that city, where he has spent his life.

Joseph A. Berno, who is the second in order of birth of the family of four children, attended St. Peter's parochial school in Mansfield, St. Ignatius Academy, in Cleveland, and Campion Academy, at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He then entered Carnegie Institute of Technology, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in

1923. On leaving college, Mr. Berno entered his father's dry goods store in Mansfield, where he remained until March, 1925, at which time they acquired an interest in the department store of Seitner's, Inc., in Canton, and he became the secretary and treasurer of this company, which position he has since successfully filled. This business was established here in the latter '80s, and has always been thoroughly modern, and Mr. Berno is well known as a wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, womens' wear, millinery, ladies' and men's furnishings, and groceries, sustaining a well-deserved reputation for square dealing and efficient service. Mr. Berno is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the University Club. During the World war he served in the students' army training camp at St. Ignatius, Cleveland. Politically he maintains an independent attitude. Courteous and friendly in manner, he has a host of warm friends and is popular wherever known.

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### MAX GEIGER

To offer in a work of this province an adequate resume of the active and useful career of the late Max Geiger would be impossible, but with those who have conserved the commercial and civic progress of Alliance and Stark county, he is clearly entitled to consideration in noting the more salient points that marked his life and labors. He was long a prominent figure in the retail business interests of his city, and also conducted extensive operations in real estate, being a man of clear-headed judgment, farsighted vision and energetic and progressive methods, so that an abundant and well merited success crowned his efforts. His career is too familiar to the readers of this work to require any fulsome encomium here, his record speaking for itself in stronger terms than can be expressed in mere words.

Max Geiger was born in Austria-Hungary on the 14th of February, 1864, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Devay) Geiger, the former of whom was also a native of that country and a wealthy land owner. In his later years he retired from active business pursuits and came to this country, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. His wife passed away in Tuscarawas county, Ohio.



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Max Geiger attended the schools of his native country and at the age of sixteen years came to the United States. Eventually he located in East Liverpool, Ohio, where he successfully engaged in a retail business until 1893, when he came to Alliance. Here he opened a clothing store on East Main street, but later moved to the Judd block, and subsequently to the present site of the Crystal Palace, and finally to the Geiger building, now occupied by the Ohio Public Service Company. Soon after coming to Alliance Mr. Geiger was joined by his brother, Morris W. Geiger, and a partnership was formed under the name of Geiger Brothers, which name is still continued. In 1923 the store was moved to its present location at 250 East Main street. The firm deals in clothing, men's furnishings and shoes. The business has been incorporated as the Geiger Brothers Company, the officers of which are A. H. Geiger, president; Mrs. Max Geiger, vice president; S. L. Geiger, secretary; and H. J. Geiger, treasurer.

In 1902, his other business having been established on a firm footing, Mr. Geiger turned his attention to real estate, being actuated in this by his strong faith in the future growth of Alliance. The results of his operations along that line proved the accuracy of his judgment and he became one of the foremost real estate men of Stark county, giving the major portion of his attention to this business during his later years. He was a pioneer in his methods and was the first to inaugurate here the easy-payment plan of selling houses, in recognition of which fact he was familiarly called "the father of the easy-payment plan." That he contributed immeasurably to the upbuilding and development of his city is evidenced in the fact that he built and sold over twenty-two hundred residences here, a record hardly excelled by any other realtor in the history of the community. His ideas and methods proved sound and practicable and have since been adopted by nearly all the real estate dealers of this locality. Mr. Geiger continued to give his personal attention to his business affairs up to his last illness, which was the result of an automobile accident some months previously, and his death occurred in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, December 20, 1926.

On January 24, 1888, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Geiger was united in marriage to Miss Lena B. Lerner, of that city, who survives him, together with their four children, Arthur H., Sydney L. and Harold J., all of whom reside in Alliance, and Mrs. Joy T. Loeb,

of Akron, Ohio. There are also two grandchildren, Maxine and Joyce Loeb.

Mr. Geiger was a stanch republican in his political views and always maintained a good citizen's interest in public affairs, particularly such as concerned the welfare of his community. He served several years as a member of the city council and was president pro tem of that body during one term. He gave his support to all measures calculated to better the city in any way and consistently opposed every attempt to encroach upon or curb public rights. He served as president of the Board of Trade, a director of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Alliance Real Estate Board, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Masonic Temple Company. He was for over four decades a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, having been made a Master Mason in Riddle Lodge in East Liverpool. After coming to Alliance he became a charter member of J. E. McFadden Lodge No. 697; was a charter member of Alliance Council No. 112, R. & S. M.; belonged also to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Daughters of Rebekah, of which he was a charter member. His social connections were with the Alliance Country Club and the Alliance Kiwanis Club. A public-spirited citizen, he was ready at all times to use his means and influence for the promotion of such enterprises as were conducive to the comfort and happiness of his fellowmen, and there was probably not another man in the city who was held in higher esteem by the people, regardless of sect, politics or profession, and his memory will long be revered by those whose privilege it was to know him.

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### JOHN B. KAGEY

John B. Kagey, of Canton, is an outstanding figure among the successful contractors and builders of Stark county, having erected many of the best homes in this locality, and his sound business principles and the high quality of his work have commended him to the attention of discriminating home buyers. Mr. Kagey was born in Louisville, this county, on the 14th of July, 1871, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Berlin) Kagey. The family is of Swiss

origin but has been established in this country since 1682, when its original progenitor in America came here with William Penn, the founder of Philadelphia. Jacob Kagey was born in Stark county, October 13, 1842, and was here reared and educated. For years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and then became treasurer of the Home Insurance Company of Stark county. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Progressive Brethren church, esteemed for his sterling character and upright life. He died in 1920, at the age of seventy-eight years. Sarah (Berlin) Kagey was born in Stark county, November 13, 1839, and was a daughter of Isaac and Margaret Berlin, both of whom were members of pioneer families of this county. Her grandfather, John Berlin, served in the war of 1812 and lived to the age of one hundred and one years. The Berlin family was of German origin and settled in Pennsylvania in a very early day. Mrs. Kagey died in 1914, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Kagey were the parents of four children, of whom a son died in infancy. The others are John B.; William H., who has been engaged in the grocery business at Louisville, Ohio, for thirty-six years; and Ira E., a farmer in this county.

John B. Kagey received his educational training in the public schools of Stark county and at the age of sixteen years took up educational work, teaching three winter and four summer sessions of school. In 1893, with his brother, William H., he entered the retail grocery business at Louisville, in which he remained for four years, when he was appointed postmaster of Louisville and served in that capacity for eleven years. On retiring from office, he engaged in the manufacture of building tile but later sold the business to the Louisville Brick & Tile Company, after which he became a traveling salesman for that concern. In 1918 Mr. Kagey entered the real estate and building business in Canton, in partnership with Carl F. Wise, under the firm name of Kagey & Wise, and has continued in that field to the present time. He has handled a large amount of city and country property and has erected many homes, winning substantial success, while at the same time he has contributed directly to the upbuilding and progress of the community. He is a member and vice president of the Canton Real Estate Board and a member of the Ohio State Real Estate Association and the National Real Estate Association.

On September 21, 1915, in Canton, Mr. Kagey was united in

marriage to Miss Ellen Clair, who was born in Louisville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Feinot) Clair, the former of French descent, and is a member of one of Stark county's old families. Mr. Kagey is a staunch republican in his political belief. He is a member of Juilliard Lodge, No. 460, F. & A. M., at Louisville, and he and his wife are earnest members of Trinity Reformed church, in the work of which Mrs. Kagey takes an active part. Mr. Kagey's favorite diversion is travel and he has visited every state in the Union, as well as Canada, Mexico and Cuba. A man of enterprising and progressive methods, interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and prosperity of Canton and Stark county, he has long been regarded as one of the community's representative men and commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

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### MAX H. ZOLA

Max H. Zola, a self-made man who, beginning life in this country in a very humble capacity, has, by virtue of his determination, ability and vitality, made steady progress is now holding a respected place in the business circles of Canton. Born in Izsnyeste, Hungary, on the 3d of August, 1899, he is a son of Herman and Thelma (Gross) Zola, both natives of that country, where the family had lived for many generations. The father was a furniture and cabinet manufacturer and during his later years lived at Nagy-Berezna, where he died in 1906, at the age of thirty-five years. The mother is now living at Izsnyeste. To them were born five children, two sons and three daughters.

Max H. Zola, the first born, was educated in the public schools of his home neighborhood and in 1912, at the age of thirteen years, emigrated to the United States. He first located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he made his home with relatives and there went to work for an uncle, Samuel Gross, owner of a jewelry store. Mr. Zola followed that line of work for two years, and then began selling talking machines, in which work he engaged for six years. In August, 1922, he went to Akron, Ohio, where he was employed as a salesman for about one year by the Henry Shaw Company, at the end of which time he was transferred to Canton as manager of

that company's branch store in this city, known as "Henry's Store." It was formerly the P. & Q. Shop and is now one of the chain stores and owned and operated by the Henry Shaw Company. They carry a full and up-to-date line of men's and ladies' ready-to-wear clothing, and this is now one of the leading stores of its kind in Canton. The able and efficient management of Mr. Zola has resulted in building up a large and steadily increasing patronage.

Mr. Zola was made a citizen of the United States at Canton in 1928 but has not affiliated with any political party, maintaining an independent attitude. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Jewish Center, while his religious connection is with the McKinley Avenue Jewish temple. He is a young man of sterling character and estimable personal qualities, has made a very favorable impression on the people of Canton and has won many warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for what he has accomplished and for his sincere and cordial manner.

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#### GUY B. MAXWELL, M. D.

Dr. Guy B. Maxwell, with offices at 143 Sixth street northwest, Canton, has gained well deserved recognition as an able and dependable physician and commands a large and growing practice. He was born in Berlin, Holmes county, Ohio, on the 3d day of February, 1886, and is of Scotch descent, his paternal grandfather, Abner Maxwell, having come from the land of brakes and braes to Ohio in an early day, settling in Holmes county, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He was a toolsmith by trade, and during the Civil war, being too old for active military service, rendered valuable assistance to his adopted country by drilling recruits for the army. He was the father of Samuel B. Maxwell, who was born in Berlin, Ohio, where he attended the public schools, later completing his education at Mt. Union College, in Alliance. During his active years he gave his chief attention to farming and stock-raising, and late in life moved to Wayne county, this state, where his death occurred in 1916, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a very strong supporter of the republican party, and was a devout Christian, being a consistent mem-

ber of the Methodist Episcopal church. He had married Miss Margaret Warnes, who was born at Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and was of Dutch extraction, her family having been established in Tuscarawas county in an early day. She passed away in 1891, at the age of thirty-three years. To Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were born five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom Guy B. is the fourth in order of birth.

Guy B. Maxwell attended the public schools of Berlin and entered Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1907. He then matriculated in the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. He served for eighteen months as interne in St. Anne's hospital, Chicago, after which he located in Fredericksburg, Ohio, where he practiced his profession until 1918, when he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged in 1919. Returning then to Fredericksburg, he resumed his practice, which he continued there until 1923, when he came to Canton and for two years served as company physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1925 he established his present office and is conducting a general practice, in which he is meeting with distinct success.

On April 10, 1912, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Browning, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Harry and Laura (Houston) Browning. Mr. Browning is a direct descendent of Robert Browning, the poet, and one of his brothers was a dramatist of considerable ability. Mrs. Maxwell is a member of the Sorosis Club, of which she is a past president, and the Parent-Teachers Association, and takes an active part in the educational, religious and civic interests of her community. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell are the parents of two children, Marjorie, born May 10, 1913, and Samuel Browning, born August 10, 1915, both in Fredericksburg, Ohio. The republican party receives Dr. Maxwell's political support and he has shown a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his city and county. He is a member of Garfield Lodge, F. & A. M., at Shreve, Wayne county, Ohio, and the Knights of the Maccabees in Canton. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church. The Doctor belongs

to the Canton Medical Library Association and commands the respect of his professional colleagues, as well as the confidence and regard of his fellowmen, among whom he is regarded as a physician of high attainments, sincere purpose and reliable judgment.

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### ALBERT J. KAUFFMAN

Albert J. Kauffman, of the Kauffman Plumbing and Heating Company, of Canton, is an expert plumber, at which trade he worked for many years, and since engaging in business on his own account has met with gratifying success, due to the high quality of his work and his honorable business methods. A native of Canton, Mr. Kauffman was born January 11, 1890. His father, Joseph Kauffman, was born April 4, 1853, in Alsace-Lorraine, and was there reared and educated. In 1871 he emigrated to the United States and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company as a machinist. In 1872, when that company moved its plant to Canton, he also came and remained in its employ until his retirement, about fifteen years prior to his death, which occurred April 17, 1918. During his active years he wisely invested in real estate, erected a number of houses, and became quite well-to-do. He was a stanch democrat and was a member of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. Rev. Peter Herbruck performed the marriage ceremony which united Mr. Kauffman and Miss Margaret Hadorn, who was born in canton Berne, Switzerland, and is a daughter of Jacob Hadorn, who brought his family to the United States and settled in Canton, where Mrs. Kauffman is still residing. By her marriage she became the mother of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, of whom eight are living, namely: Emil, of Canton; Joseph; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Harry H. Wise; Rose, the wife of John Sommer, of Canton; Lillian, the wife of Devilla Leroe, of Canton; Albert J.; Louise; and Margaret.

Albert J. Kauffman attended the public schools and took a commercial course in the Canton Actual Business College. When thirteen years of age he started out to earn his living as an apprentice to the plumbing trade with the L. D. Hartung Plumbing Company. He was ambitious and became proficient in every branch

of the business, so that he had no trouble in securing employment as a journeyman. He followed that line of work as an employee until 1922, when he and Frank Keffler formed a partnership, under the name of the Kauffman Plumbing & Heating Company, and established a shop at 905 Market avenue south. They own a complete equipment and are prepared to handle any sized contract in plumbing or heating systems. They employ only expert workmen and insist that every job must be entirely satisfactory, for which reason they have become firmly established in the confidence of all who have engaged their services.

On June 22, 1911, in Canton, Mr. Kauffman was united in marriage to Miss Goldie Werner, who was born and reared in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and is a daughter of John H. Werner. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are the parents of a daughter, Awanda, who was born May 4, 1912. Mr. Kauffman is a democrat in his political belief, while his religious faith is that of the Trinity Reformed church. He is a member of Lathrop Lodge, F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has passed through the chairs. He also belongs to the Triangle Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Canton Builders Exchange and the Master Plumbers Association. He has been loyal and honorable in all the relations of life, fully meeting all of the obligations of citizenship, and his record has gained for him the sincere respect of those who know him.

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#### RAYMOND LEE THOMPSON, M. D.

Among the citizens of Canton whose records entitle them to the highest respect on the part of their fellowmen, stands Dr. Raymond Lee Thompson, whose office is in the Zininger building and who is commanding a large and remunerative practice in medicine and surgery. He had a splendid military record during the World war and is an exemplar of the highest type of citizenship, so that he well merits the warm regard in which he is held by all who know him. Dr. Thompson was born in Carroll county, Ohio, December 24, 1889, and is a son of Elmer C. and Carrie Scott (Crabbs) Thompson. The family was founded in this country by

the paternal grandfather, Thomas W. Thompson, a native of Scotland, from which country he came to Ohio in 1831, settling in Carroll county. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in about 1888. He was successful in business, was prominent and influential in his community, and was a devout Christian, being a member and elder of the United Presbyterian church. Elmer C. Thompson was born December 24, 1861, in the same house in Carroll county in which his son was born, and there engaged in farming for many years, but is now retired. He has also been interested in the banking business. His wife was born October 8, 1862, in Harrison county, Ohio, and is of Dutch ancestry, the progenitor of the family in this country having come from Holland to Ohio, settling in Jefferson county, where he farmed. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the United Presbyterian church. They became the parents of three sons: Raymond Lee; Thomas Waldo, who resides on the home farm; and Howard G., who lives in Carroll county.

Raymond L. Thompson attended the public schools, graduating from Germano high school in 1907, and then entered Muskingum College, at New Concord, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1912. He taught chemistry in the high school at Mancelona, Michigan, for one year, after which he matriculated in the medical school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, winning his professional degree in 1916. He served one year as interne in the Cleveland City Hospital and six months in the Lakeside Hospital, after which he enlisted in the United States Army. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to the First Battalion of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry Regiment, with which he was overseas for thirteen months. He saw active service in the St. Mihiel drive, the Meuse-Argonne offensive and at Verdun, and was wounded and gassed. On May 15, 1919, he received from the headquarters of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Infantry Brigade a citation for extraordinary devotion to duty under heavy fire, as follows:

For four days Lieutenant Thompson established and maintained a first-aid station within a few hundred yards of the front line, north of the Bois des Agons. During all this time it was subject to a very heavy machine gun and even heavier artillery fire. Lieutenant Thompson, without sleep for fifty-six hours, worked incessantly with the

wounded under these conditions and saved the lives of many who otherwise would have died.

By command of Brigadier-General Brett.

William C. Vandewater,  
Captain Infantry,  
Adjutant.

Dr. Thompson was honorably discharged, with the rank of captain, June 28, 1919, and in December of that year opened his office in Canton, where he has practiced medicine and surgery to the present time, except one year during which he took post-graduate work at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, where he specialized in the study of urology. He is a member of the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Canton Medical Library Association.

On December 15, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Angela Kobach, a native of Strasburg, Germany, and they are parents of a daughter, Frances Leah, who was born in Canton, October 15, 1924. The Doctor is a strong republican in his political views. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 589, K. P.; the Orchard Hill Country Club, the University Club and the Young Men's Christian Association and they are members of the United Presbyterian church. A man of vigorous mentality, thorough education and sterling worth, combined with a sincere devotion to his profession, he well deserves the confidence and esteem in which he is held throughout the community.

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### WILLIAM JOHN UEBELHART

Prominent among the well known realtors of Canton is numbered William John Uebelhart, whose activities have been a substantial source of the city's development and improvement. All that makes for progress, advancement and successful achievement in the real estate field finds expression in his life work, so that Canton is proud to number him among her native sons. He was born June 2, 1878, his parents being Ferdinand and Lucinda (Wenger) Uebelhart, the former born in Geneva, Switzerland,



Wm. J. Uebelhart



July 2, 1853, and the latter in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, April 12, 1851.

Having acquired his education in the public schools of Canton, Mr. Uebelhart entered the drug business at the age of seventeen years and became an associate pharmacist at the age of nineteen. For a time he was also associated with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company but later turned his attention to the real estate field as a salesman for the Zettler interests. In 1913, however, he embarked in business on his own account, soon afterward organizing the William J. Uebelhart Real Estate Company. Thus for fifteen years he has controlled a business that has constantly grown in extent and importance and through this period he has largely specialized in the development of home sites, having placed upon the market many of the best residential districts of the city, including Lincoln Heights, West Manor, Orchard Acres and the Maples, while at the present time he is engaged in the development of Avondale, Canton's finest suburban addition, and also the Harter Height allotment on the Canton-Massillon road. His labors have been a most effective force in promoting the beauty, improvement and advantages of Canton. He is a past president of the Canton Real Estate Board and was a member of the city planning commission for 1926 and 1927. Not only is he president of the William J. Uebelhart Company but is also a director of the Canton Suburban Realty Company.

On the 2nd of June, 1909, Mr. Uebelhart was married in Canton to Miss Elizabeth Fielding Young, who was born in this city November 30, 1881, and is a daughter of George A. and Anna (Fielding) Young, the former born in Germany in 1850 and the latter in Canton in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Uebelhart are now parents of two sons: James William, born March 31, 1910; and Malcolm George, born December 13, 1915. Both are at home with their parents. The religious faith of the family is that of Baptist church and fraternally Mr. Uebelhart is connected with the Masonic order, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Lake Erie Consistory. He is also a member of Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, a member of the Canton Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He likewise has membership in the Kiwanis Club of Canton and is in full sympathy with the purposes of that organization to further Canton's best interests. There

is a military chapter in his life record, for he served in the Spanish-American war, being on active duty in Cuba with the United States Hospital Corps. Having always lived in this city, Mr. Uebelhart is widely known here and that his life has been well spent is indicated by the high and kindly regard entertained for him by a circle of friends that is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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### RALPH T. GREEN

One of the best known men in musical circles of Canton is Ralph T. Green, who for many years has been a dealer in and teacher of band instruments, having his studio at 308 Tuscarawas street west. A good business man and capable instructor, he has not only been successful in a business way, but has also been a prominent factor in arousing and stimulating an interest in band music throughout this city and county. A native of Canton, Mr. Green was born on the 14th of August, 1892, a son of John S. and Jessie (Dickerhoff) Green. His father, who is of English parentage, was born in Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated, and then came to Canton, where he is now engaged in the men's furnishings business, under the firm name of John Green & Son, at Second and Court streets southwest, having one of the leading stores in his line in Canton. His wife, a native of this city, is of German descent and is a member of one of the old and well known families of Stark county. To them were born three children, namely: Harry, who is associated in business with his father; Ralph T.; and Hazel, who is the wife of Solomon Pepper, of Akron, Ohio.

Ralph T. Green was educated in the public schools of Canton, being graduated from Central high school in 1911. When he was about ten years of age he took up the study of band instruments, developing his talent to a high degree, and in 1918 he established his present studio, in which he has since engaged in teaching and he also carries a full line of band instruments for sale. His success as a teacher has gained for him a wide reputation throughout this section of the state and many of the best band players received their instructions from him. Mr. Green has always maintained

a keen interest in boys, and being a lover of music for the sake of the art, and also believing that there is a wealth of dormant talent that might and should be used not only as a means of pleasure but also in stimulating high ideals, he has taught many young boys gratuitously, even giving them the free use of instruments, feeling abundantly repaid in their development and subsequent success. Mr. Green is the director of the North Industry and West Lebanon bands, both of which he has brought to a high state of efficiency, so that they are among the worthy musical organizations of the county.

On July 25, 1915, in Canton, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Velma Dine, who was born in North Canton, Stark county, and is a daughter of the late James and Ida (Bowman) Dine. They are the parents of two sons, Gene, born May 4, 1916, and Donald, April 7, 1917. Mr. Green is a republican in his political belief and has taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his city or county. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and he and his wife are members of the First Christian church of Canton. Because of his splendid business and professional record, he is held in high esteem throughout the community in which he lives and his worthy efforts in behalf of young people are duly appreciated by all who are acquainted with his work.

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### SAMUEL LESTER BOWLUS

One of the most important phases of automobile and radio service pertains to batteries, and Samuel L. Bowlus, of 409 Third street southwest, Canton, has gained a well merited reputation as the local dealer in the famous Exide batteries, which he has handled here successfully for ten years, building up a large and prosperous business. Mr. Bowlus was born at Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, July 30, 1889, and is a son of William M. and Allie (Smith) Bowlus, the former born in Fremont, Ohio, and the latter in Goshen, Indiana, and both are still residing in Fremont. In the paternal line Mr. Bowlus is of Scotch-Irish and Dutch descent, while his maternal ancestry is German. The Bowlus family was early established in Maryland, from which state representatives

of the name came to Ohio three generations ago. Grandfather Bowlus organized a company for service in the Civil war, was elected its captain and served through the latter part of the war.

Samuel L. Bowlus attended the public and high schools of Fremont until 1905, when he learned telegraphy in the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, by which company he was employed until 1916, when he went to Cleveland and engaged in the battery business. Two years later he came to Canton and established an Exide battery station at 409 Third street, southwest, where he has continued to the present time, winning a large patronage by virtue of the merits of the battery which he handles and his fair and square business methods. He is also distributor of the Dunlop tires and operates a greasing and ignition station at the same location. A little over a year ago he built the Bowlus service station at 1900 Cleveland avenue northwest, a super-service station which has proven a distinctive success.

On May 28, 1912, in Fremont, Ohio, Mr. Bowlus was united in marriage to Miss Seville P. Rimelspach, who was born in that city, July 20, 1889, and is a daughter of Andrew and Louise (Meyers) Rimelspach, who were born and spent their entire lives in Fremont. Mrs. Bowlus' ancestors, in both paternal and maternal lines, were from Alsace-Lorraine. Mr. Bowlus gives his political support to the republican party. He belongs to the Canton Kiwanis Club and Mrs. Bowlus is an earnest member of St. Peters church of Canton. Mr. Bowlus is a man of sound principles and high ideals, which he has exemplified in all of his business affairs, and has long been firmly established in the confidence of all who have dealt with him, while, socially, he has a host of warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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#### CLEMENT N. CLARK, M. D.

Dr. Clement N. Clark is well worthy of representation among the able and successful professional men of Stark county, for his record has stamped him as a physician of skill and ability, whereby he commands a large and representative practice in Canton, where he has been located for the past sixteen years. Dr. Clark

was born at Osnaburg, now East Canton, March 15, 1874, and is a son of Edman and Sarah (Rindchen) Clark. His father was born on a farm on the southwest corner of Dueber avenue and Tuscarawas street west, in what is now one of the most thickly settled sections of Canton, and was a son of Abraham and Catherine (Readinger) Clark, who settled in Reading, Pennsylvania, in an early day, eventually coming to Stark county and settling on the farm above referred to. The family was founded in this country by Dr. Clark's great-grandfather, John Clark, who came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and he and the two succeeding generations of the family followed farming and stock-raising. All were stanch democrats and devout members of the Protestant Reformed church. Sarah (Rindchen) Clark was born in Plain township, Stark county, about five miles northwest of Canton, and was a daughter of the late Philip R. and Mary (Herbruck) Rindchen. The latter was a sister of Rev. Peter Herbruck, one of Canton's early and loved clergymen, to whom detailed reference is made on another page of this work. To Edman and Sarah Clark were born five children: Norman, who resides at 2105 Tuscarawas street east, Canton; Clement N.; Lorena, the wife of Paul Paumier, of Louisville, Stark county; Horace, who has for many years been a pressman on the Sharon Telegraph, at Sharon, Pennsylvania; and Lucetta, who is the wife of Grover C. Miller, of Canton.

Dr. Clark spent his early life to the age of eleven years in East Canton village, and was then on the farm until twenty-six years of age. He secured his elementary education in the public schools of East Canton and Louisville, after which he matriculated in the medical department of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. He served one year as interne in the Cleveland City Hospital, after which he located in Mount Eaton, Wayne county, where he practiced until 1912, in which year he moved to Canton, where he has since devoted his time and attention closely to professional duties.

On February 4, 1906, at Mount Eaton, Ohio, Dr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Zena Zaugg, who was there born and reared, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zaugg, who were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Clark is the youngest. Dr. and Mrs. Clark have two sons, Dwight, born August 28,

1910, and Elbert, September 30, 1913. The Doctor is a democrat in his political affiliation, and during 1910-11 served as coroner of Holmes county, Ohio. During the entire period of the World war he was a member of the medical examining board. He belongs to the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He and his wife are members of Trinity Reformed church and give their support to all worthy benevolent causes. The Doctor is a man of strong character and his professional ability and sterling worth have commended him to the favorable opinion of his fellowmen, among whom he is held in the highest respect and esteem.

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### EMIL JACOB GUSSETT

Emil J. Gussett, who owns and operates a well equipped welding establishment at 1140 Marion street southwest, Canton, is an expert in that line and is widely known for the high quality of his work, through which he has built up a large and growing business. Mr. Gussett was born at Dunkirk, New York, January 4, 1883, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Schneider) Gussett, who were natives of Berne, Switzerland. His father is deceased and his mother resides at 151 Fawcett court northwest, Canton. When Emil J. Gussett was about six months old the family moved to Canton and in this city he was reared and educated, attending the Liberty Street and Hartford Street public schools. He served four years as an apprentice at the boilermaking trade with the C. Aultman Company in Canton, after which he continued with that firm four years as a journeyman. He then entered the employ of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad as a boilermaker, remaining with that company for eleven years, and on August 14, 1914, he opened a welding shop of his own at Navarre and Marion streets, Canton, where he met with encouraging success. The growth of his business necessitating more room, in 1921 he moved to his present location, where he has a well equipped shop and is prepared to handle any kind of a job in his line, doing both electric and acetylene welding. He has the only flue welding outfit in Stark county, specializing in factory, church and school work, as well as automobile and broken machinery repairing. He employs

only expert workmen and takes a justifiable pride in satisfying his patrons, realizing that they are his best advertisers.

On June 10, 1903, in Canton, Mr. Gussett was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Marie Von Briihl, who was born in this city March 20, 1885, and is a daughter of George and Marie V. Von Briihl, who were natives of Germany and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gussett are the parents of four children, namely: George E., born January 10, 1904, married Miss Margaret Wegriff and resides in Canton; Earl Nelson, born February 25, 1907, is attending the law school of Ohio State University, in which he was an honor student in 1927; Carl, born February 10, 1914, is a pupil in Lincoln high school; and Elsie M., born October 23, 1921, is attending the Dueber Avenue public school. Politically Mr. Gussett is a staunch democrat and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Alpine Roesli, a Swiss singing society, the Purchasing Agents Club and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He and his family belong to Zion Lutheran church and give liberal support to all worthy benevolent or charitable causes. Determined effort, persistent industry and sound judgment have characterized his business career and he has well earned the success which is now his and the high place which he holds in public esteem.

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#### FREDERICK C. HOFFMAN, D. D. S.

One of the most important branches of dental practice is the laboratory work, on which depends much of the success of the operator. In these days of specialization, the dental laboratory as a separate establishment has become essential to the profession in all large cities, and in Canton this business is well taken care of by Dr. Frederick C. Hoffman, whose laboratory is located in the Mellett building. The Doctor was born at Winesburg, Holmes county, Ohio, on June 3, 1887, and is a son of Dr. George J. and Lulu (Hough) Hoffman. The family was established in this country by John Hoffman, a native of Germany, who settled in Stark county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. George J. Hoffman was born at Navarre, Stark county, January 23, 1862, and was there reared and educated. He studied dentistry

in the office of Dr. Davis, at Dover, Tuscarawas county Ohio, and engaged in practice at Winesburg, Stark county. Later he moved to Beach City, where he successfully engaged in practice for many years. He also served as justice of the peace there for twenty-five years, and during the last ten years of his life resided in Canton, though still conducting his dental office in Beach City. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active interest in all local, civic and political matters. His death occurred in Canton, December 11, 1927, when he was sixty-five years of age. His wife, Lulu (Hough) Hoffman, was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, and is of English extraction. She is still a resident of Canton and is honored and respected by all who know her. To them were born three sons, namely: Lester E., who resides with his mother at 705 Prospect avenue southwest, Canton; Frederick C.; and George F., who is an electrician and also lives with his mother.

Frederick C. Hoffman attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1905. At the age of twelve years he took up the study of mechanical dentistry, and on leaving school entered Bodee's Dental Trade School, in New York city, from which he was graduated February 15, 1917. During the ensuing four years he was associated with Dr. Leon E. Broadbrooks and then established his present laboratory, in the operation of which he has been very successful. A master of his profession, he has not only gained a large and remunerative patronage, but has also won a well earned reputation, second to none in his line in this state.

On May 24, 1913, at Winesburg, Dr. Hoffman was united in Marriage to Miss Cora A. Hostettler, who was born and reared at that place and is a daughter of Samuel and Emma (Schallioll) Hostettler, both of whom were members of old and prominent families of that locality. Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of a son, Frederick C., Jr., who was born August 20, 1914, in Bridgeport, Nebraska. Dr. Hoffman is a strong republican in his political faith. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 85, R. A. M.; Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Canton Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Cleveland; Canton Lodge, B. P. O. E.; Canton Lodge, K. P., and the Civitan Club. Mrs. Hoffman is a member of the Ladies Knight Templar Club and the Order of the Eastern Star and is active in church and missionary work.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Dueber Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. He is a great lover of outdoor sports, golf, hunting and fishing being his favorite forms of diversion. He is essentially self-made, having worked his way through college, and his record as a professional man and citizen has gained for him an enviable standing in the community in which he lives.

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#### DONALD HERMAN VOLZER, SR., D. D. S.

Dr. Donald H. Volzer, whose dental offices are in the Zinninger building, Canton, is enjoying a very satisfactory practice because of the reputation which he has earned as a careful, painstaking and skillful operator, and he stands high in the ranks of the successful dentists of Stark county. Dr. Volzer was born in Canton on the 26th of September, 1898, and is a son of Joseph A. and Clara R. (Lung) Volzer, the former born in Canton and the latter in Massillon, this county, both being of German descent.

The Doctor secured his elementary education in St. Mary's grade school and graduated from the Canton high school, after which he entered the dental school of Ohio State University, winning the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at his graduation in 1921. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in this city, gives close attention to his work, has a nicely arranged and well equipped office, is courteous and attentive, and has proven himself a master of his calling.

On November 29, 1923, in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Volzer was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Mary Ferris, who was born in that city, May 13, 1899, and is a daughter of John F. and Helena (Birch) Ferris. Mrs. Volzer is a member of the Phi Mu sorority, the College Club and the Theta Sigma Phi journalistic fraternity Junior Service. She is of Irish descent but four generations of the family have lived in this country. To Dr. and Mrs. Volzer has been born a son, Donald Herman, Jr. The Doctor is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Beta Theta Pi and Xi Psi Phi college fraternities, the Brookside Country Club, the University Club, the American Legion and the Varsity O Association. He and his wife are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. The Doctor enlisted in the United States Army, Septem-

ber 15, 1918, and was honorably discharged on November 15th of that year. A gentleman of sterling worth of character and cordial and unaffected manner, he has won many loyal friends throughout the city in which he has spent his life and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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### ALEXANDER ROBERTSON

The successful operation of great industrial plants is to a very large degree dependent on the loyalty and efficiency of its executive employes, and this fact has been well exemplified in the record of Alexander Robertson, who is giving able service as works manager of the Alliance plant of the American Steel Foundries Company.

Mr. Robertson was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 14th of April, 1877, a son of William and Wilhimena (Harvey) Robertson. Both parents were natives of the land of hills and heather, the father having been born at Aberdeen and the mother at Glasgow, and on coming to the United States they located in Chicago, Illinois, where William Robertson successfully engaged in teaming contracting. Later he went to Florida and engaged in farming during his remaining active years, his death occurring in that state, and his wife died in Pensacola, Florida. They were earnest members of the Presbyterian church.

Alexander Robertson attended the public schools of Chicago and took a course in electrical engineering with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He went to work for the Fowler Rolling Mills at Englewood, Chicago, makers of railroad spikes, remaining with that concern for four years, and then entered the employ of the Sargent Iron & Steel Foundry, also in Englewood, which was later merged with the American Steel Foundries Company, with which concern he has remained to the present time. He started in as a laborer and has worked in all departments of the plants, giving his very best efforts in every position he has held, and, after a number of promotions, was made works manager of the Alliance branch, coming to this city in June, 1920. He has wisely invested his earnings and is now a director of the Alliance First National Bank and of the



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Stark Electric Railway Company, being regarded as a man of mature and reliable judgment in business affairs.

On November 23, 1898, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Robertson was united in marriage to Miss Annie Gordan, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, April 22, 1877, and died April 11, 1928. Her parents, Hugh and Jane (McCullough) Gordan, became residents of Chicago and are deceased. Mr. Gordan was an expert stone cutter and mason, was a republican in his political views, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Robertson was educated in the public schools of Chicago and always took an active interest in the social and civic affairs of her community. During the World war, while in St. Louis, she was a leader in Red Cross work, having charge of all knitting. She was a member of the Alliance Women's Club and the Search Light Club and, fraternally, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter in Alliance and the Daughters of Rebekah in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson became the parents of five children, as follows: Anna W., born June 29, 1900, in Chicago, is a graduate of the Alliance high school and the State Normal School, and is now the wife of Otto Grose, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, and the mother of two children, Otto, Jr., and Helen Jeanette. Hugh Gordan, born in East St. Louis, Illinois, September 1, 1904, was graduated from the Alliance high school and from Purdue University at La Fayette, Indiana, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer, and is now with the American Steel Foundries Company at Granite City, Illinois. He married Miss Irene Irwin, of Alliance. Alexander David, born October 1, 1906, is a graduate of the Alliance high school and Ohio Wesleyan University and is preparing for the medical profession. Jeanette, born November 21, 1910, is a senior in the Alliance high school. William, born February 21, 1913, is a freshman in the high school.

Mr. Robertson has been a staunch supporter of the republican party from the time he attained his majority and has shown a deep interest in public affairs. He is now chairman of the park commission of Alliance, is chairman of the executive committee of the Salvation Army and has served as chairman of the Red Cross, while during the World war he took an active part in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He is a member of J. E. McFadden Lodge No. 697, F. & A. M.; Granite City Chapter No.

254, R. A. M.; Alliance Council No. 112, R. & S. M.; Alliance Commandery No. 67, K. T.; Mississippi Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R., at East St. Louis; Tadmor Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Akron, Ohio; Englewood Lodge No. 858, I. O. O. F., of Chicago, to which he has belonged for twenty-six years; the Alliance Country Club, of which he is a director; the Sleepy Hollow Country Club; the Kiwanis Club; the Chamber of Commerce; and the Manufacturers Association of Alliance, of which he is president. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged and of which he is a trustee, and he is also actively interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Every measure or enterprise looking to the betterment of the community or the advancement of its material, civic or moral interests, receives his earnest support, and he is regarded as one of the solid and dependable citizens of Alliance, commanding the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### HARRY HOWARD DEAN

Harry H. Dean, who for sixteen years has been engaged in the retail meat business in Canton, has built up a large and prosperous trade on the basis of the high quality of his goods and his honorable dealing, one of his most valuable assets being the continued friendship and patronage of many who were among his first customers. Mr. Dean was born at Indian Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 26th of May, 1877, and is a son of George P. and Marilla A. (Young) Dean, of whom the former, born in New Hampshire, is now deceased, while the latter was born in Brown county, Ohio, and died December 31, 1899. On the paternal side Mr. Dean is of English descent and his grandmother was a close relation of Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary war fame. George P. Dean served nearly four years in the Civil war, and was discharged as a corporal, his deafness received during the early years of the war having been a bar to his further advancement. His brother, Charles A. Dean, enlisted for the Civil war as a drummer boy, at the age of fourteen years, and served three years. George P. Dean, Jr., a nephew of H. H. Dean, enlisted

in the Marines two days before the United States entered the World war, and served until the close of hostilities.

Harry H. Dean attended the grade schools at Madisonville, a suburb of Cincinnati, and then went to work in a grocery store, in which he remained two years. He then became an apprentice to the butcher trade at Madisonville, at which he worked for seven years for twenty dollars a month and board, a day's work meaning until the work was finished, whether it was six o'clock or ten o'clock, and he also worked a half day on Sundays. When twenty-three years of age he started to drive a tank wagon for the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, receiving fifteen dollars a week, and continued that work until thirty years old, when he resigned and started a small meat market in the west end of Cincinnati. Two years later he sold that shop and opened another one, which he conducted until 1912, when he moved to Canton, Ohio, and opened a meat market at 221 Second street northwest. This proved a successful venture and later he moved to a more favorable location at 331 Court avenue northwest, where he has remained to the present time, and where he is conducting a "quality first" meat market, in connection with which he also carries a stock of fancy groceries. He is permanently established here, having a ninety-nine-year lease on the property, and has a nicely arranged and well equipped shop. He has made a scientific study of his business from every angle, including sanitation, and every pound of meat bought in his place must be of the best quality, for he handles nothing else. Courtesy, accommodation and prompt service are his watchwords and are appreciated by the large trade which he commands.

On December 22, 1903, in Cincinnati, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Merz, who was born in that city, July 26, 1877, and is a daughter of Louis and Anna Merz, both of whom were natives of Germany and are deceased, the father's death occurring January 6, 1928. Mrs. Dean is a member of the La Porte Ouverte Club of Canton and belongs to the First United Brethren church. Mr. Dean is a republican in his political belief, and, fraternally, is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Canton Chapter, No. 84, R. A. M., and Canton Council, No. 35, R. & S. M., belonging also to the Canton Rotary Club, the Stark County Retail Meat Dealers Association, of which he is president, and the T Bone Club, which is an organization limited

to ninety-nine members drawn from the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers. In all the relations of life Mr. Dean has proven worthy of public confidence and respect and stands in the front rank of the progressive and enterprising business men of Canton.

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### WILLIAM L. ART

William L. Art, general agent at Canton for the Continental Life Insurance Company of St. Louis, Missouri, has earned a place among the leading insurance men of Stark county, for since attaining this position he has very materially increased the business of the company in his territory. Mr. Art was born at Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 16, 1887, and is a son of William and Etta L. (Umstead) Art. The father was of German descent and was a native of Tuscarawas county, where lived his father, who had come to this country from Germany and devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising. William Art was educated in the public schools of his native county and for many years has conducted a musical instrument and piano store at Uhrichsville, though he is now practically retired from active business. He is a democrat in politics and is a member of the Lutheran church. His wife was born in Dresden, Muskingum county, Ohio, and is of English ancestry. To William and Etta Art were born one son and four daughters: William L.; Beatrice, who is the wife of Emil Wirth, of Canton; Bessie, the wife of Earl Leggett, of Canton; Bernice, who is the wife of Guy Banks, of Canton; and Mildred, the wife of Edward Butterworth, of Chicago, Illinois.

William L. Art received his educational training in the public schools of Tuscarawas county, and at the age of eighteen years started out to earn his own living, apprenticing himself to learn the trade of harnessmaking, which line he followed for eight years. He then turned his attention to the insurance business as a salesman for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, was successful and filled that position for four and a half years, when he resigned and engaged in the business as a free general agent for the Continental Life Insurance Company, of St. Louis, in which capacity

he has achieved notable success, through his aggressive and enterprising methods.

In July, 1910, in Canton, Mr. Art was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Stock, a native of Stark county and a daughter of James Stock. Mr. and Mrs. Art are the parents of two children, Robert E., born January 8, 1912, and Betty Jane, July 7, 1917. The republican party receives Mr. Art's support and he and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, Scientist. They are both deeply interested in the advancement of the community and the welfare of their fellow beings and are greatly esteemed by their acquaintances, being extremely popular in the circles in which they move.

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#### JOSEPH BIECHELE, JR.

Joseph Biechele, Jr., is one of the leaders in the real estate and mortgage loan business in Canton, and prior to entering this field of effort, in 1917, was actively interested in various industrial enterprises in this city, in which he first established the reputation which he enjoys as an able and progressive business man. A native of Canton, he was born on the 13th of December, 1879, and is a son of Joseph and Abbie (Bernard) Biechele. His father was born in Baden Baden, Germany, March 19, 1831, was there reared and educated and also learned the trade of soapmaking. When seventeen years old, he emigrated to the United States, making the voyage on a sailing vessel, and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he obtained employment at his trade. Later he came to Canton, where lived his brother, Charles Biechele, who was engaged in the manufacture of soaps, and they formed a partnership, under the name of Biechele Brothers, and engaged extensively in soap manufacturing, having the first and only factory of its kind in this city. The partnership existed for a number of years, Joseph eventually becoming the sole owner of the business, which he conducted successfully until 1912, he sold out to the Hygienic Products Company, the present manufacturers of Sani-flush and other well known products. Mr. Biechele was also identified with other industrial, commercial and financial enterprises, having been one of the founders and the first president of the Berger Manufacturing

Company, which is still one of Canton's leading industries. After a time he was both president and treasurer, in which connection he devoted the major portion of his time and attention to the development of the business. For many years he was vice president of the Central Savings Bank and was regarded as a man of sound and dependable judgment in practical affairs, his counsel being frequently sought and in the business circles of this city he was held in high regard. Though his political affiliation was with the democratic party, he was a staunch supporter of William McKinley from the time of the latter's first entrance into politics and ever afterwards during the life of the martyr president, and they were close friends. Mr. Biechele was a devout member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, was a man of upright life and unblemished character, and was a liberal supporter of all worthy benevolent and charitable causes. His death occurred in January, 1924. To him and his wife were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters. All of the sons excepting Joseph, Jr., died in infancy, and four daughters are deceased, those surviving being, Bertha, the wife of Emil Rinkendorf, of Canton, and Mrs. Anna Whelan, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph Biechele, Jr., secured his educational training in the public and parochial schools of Canton and Canison's College, graduating from the latter institution in 1902. He then took up clerical work in his father's office, where he remained for six years, after which he became paymaster for the Berger Manufacturing Company, also filling the office of assistant treasurer for eight years. He was likewise vice president and treasurer of the Tyson Manufacturing Company, after which he became manager of his father's soap company, which he developed into a much larger and more profitable business, attracting outside capital. This eventually resulted in the advantageous sale of the business to the Hygienic Products Company. Thus released from his official duties, Mr. Biechele turned his attention to the real estate and mortgage loan business, in which he has been engaged continuously since, and in which he has been more than ordinarily successful.

On February 27, 1900, in St. John's Roman Catholic church, of Canton, Mr. Biechele was united in marriage to Miss Louise Claire Remmels, who was born in this city and is a member of the Canton Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Biechele are the parents of

a daughter, Louise, who was born January 20, 1907. Politically Mr. Biechele gives his support to the republican party, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Congress Lake Club. He and his wife are members of St. John's Roman Catholic church. He has evinced a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of Canton and Stark county, and wherever known he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOSEPH BERMAN

Joseph Berman, who conducts a prosperous wall paper and paint business at 322-324 Fourth street northwest, Canton, is, in the truest sense of the term, a self-made man, his career being marked by industry, perseverance and good judgment, whereby he has attained success, being now numbered among Canton's leading business men. Mr. Berman was born in Minsk, province of Minsk, Russia, on the 28th of May, 1882, and is a son of Bernard and Bertha (Shapiro) Berman, also natives of that locality. Bernard Berman was born in 1853, was reared and educated in his native land and learned the trade of cabinetmaking, which he followed there until 1888, when he came to the United States. He first located in New York city, where he resided for several years, and then moved to Buffalo, New York, and later to Cleveland, Ohio, where he has lived for the past two years, being now retired from active business. On July 10, 1900, his wife and two children, who had remained at Minsk, came to the United States, and the mother died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1921, at the age of sixty-six years.

When Joseph Berman was twelve years of age he started to earn his living and learned the bookbinding trade, which he followed in Minsk until 1900, when he accompanied his mother and sister to this country. Here he at once began attending night sessions of the public school in order to more quickly acquire a knowledge of the English language, and during the daytime applied himself to gaining a knowledge of the paperhanging and decorating business, which he followed as a journeyman for sixteen years. In 1907 he came to Canton, working at his trade for six years, and in 1913 engaged in business on his own account, establishing a

wallpaper and paint store. He began in a modest way, but as prosperity attended him he has gradually enlarged his stock until today he has a store and business second to none in the city of Canton. He has given his close attention to the business, in the management of which he has shown a progressive and enterprising spirit, and the prosperity which is now his is the just recompense of his earnest efforts.

On July 4, 1909, in Canton, Mr. Berman was united in marriage to Miss Reah Kramer, who was born in New York city, May 10, 1890, a daughter of Simon and Zelda ( Helman ) Kramer, who have long resided in that city and are of Russian descent. Mr. and Mrs. Berman are the parents of a son, Leonard J., who was born April 27, 1910, in Canton, and is now attending the McKinley high school. Mr. Berman was made a citizen of the United States at Canton in the fall of 1909 and has proven loyal to his adopted country. He supports the republican party on national issues, but in local elections votes for the men who in his judgment are best fitted for the offices they seek. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Triangle Club, and his religious connection is with the McKinley Avenue Jewish temple. Because of his splendid record, his sterling character and his friendly manner, he has the respect and esteem of all who know him.

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### JACK ART

Jack Art is conducting one of the leading jewelry establishments of Canton, under the name of Jack Art, Inc., and great credit is due him for what he has accomplished, for he started the business on a very modest scale with limited capital and his success is the legitimate result of his well directed and persistent efforts. Born in Chicago, Illinois, September 10, 1894, he is a son of Abe and Rose ( Klein ) Art. His father was born in England, from which country he came to the United States in 1885, at the age of fourteen years. He first located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he attended school, completing his education in Chicago, where he resided until 1898. Moving to Columbus, Ohio, he there successfully engaged in the jewelry business until 1910, when he located in Springfield, Ohio, where he owned a jewelry

store in partnership with a brother-in-law, Nathan Klein, under the firm name of Art & Klein. He remained in that city three years, when he went to Dallas, Texas, and conducted a jewelry establishment until 1914, when he sold out and returned to Ohio, settling in Canton, where he established a jewelry store at 328 Tuscarawas street east. This was a profitable venture which he carried on until 1925, when he sold out and moved to Alliance, where he is now running a successful business under the firm style of Art, the Jeweler. His wife was born in Hungary in 1871 and was brought to the United States in her girlhood by her parents, who settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she met and became the wife of Abe Art. To them were born six children, of whom three are living, namely: Jack; Herman, who is engaged in the jewelry business at 412 Tuscarawas street east, Canton; and Bernette, who resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The mother passed away March 15, 1920.

Jack Art attended the public schools of Columbus and Springfield, Ohio, and graduated from the Meredith Business College, in Zanesville. He then became associated with his father, under whom he learned the jewelry trade in all of its branches. In 1912 he entered the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, from which he was graduated in 1914, also studying under a private tutor, Jesse Strauss. Returning to Canton, he was for several years associated in business with his father, under the firm name of Abe Art & Son, and in 1922 he opened his present store which he has developed from a small beginning to a large and prosperous establishment. In 1925 the business was incorporated under his own name, with the following officers: Jack Art, president; Abe Art, vice president; Herman Art, secretary; and Mrs. Fannie Art, treasurer. The officers, with Charles Weintraut, compose the board of directors. Mr. Art carries a large and attractive stock of jewelry, watches and clocks and, by his uniform courtesy and accommodation, has not only gained a very gratifying patronage, but has made many friends among those who have dealt with him.

On June 15, 1921, in Canton, Mr. Art was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Rudner, who was born and reared in Canton, and is a daughter of Morris and Rose (Adelman) Rudner, representatives of families that have long been established in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Art are the parents of three children, Rose Jean, Myron Bernard and James. Mr. Art gives his political support to the re-

publican party and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His religious connection is with the McKinley Avenue Jewish temple. He is a veteran of the World war, having served in the band of the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry Regiment, Eighty-third Division, as a first class musician. He was in the service for twenty-two months, during a large part of which time he was stationed in Italy, and on his return home was honorably discharged. He gives close attention to his business, in the management of which he has shown good judgment, and commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

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### JOHN W. A. STAUDT

Few men have achieved more pronounced success in the insurance business than has John W. A. Staudt, of Canton, who has served for nearly thirty years as state agent for Ohio for the Royal Union Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, and is regarded as one of the foremost men in his line of business in this state. He was born at Miltonsburg, Monroe county, Ohio, August 17, 1866, and is a son of Francis J. and Mary O. (Yunkes) Staudt. His father, also a native of Miltonsburg, born June 21, 1841, was a son of Nicholas Staudt, who was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1839, settling in Miltonsburg, where he followed the stonemason trade, which he had learned in his native land. Later in life he turned his attention to farming, which pursuit he followed until his death, on November 2, 1881, when he was seventy-one years of age. Francis J. Staudt was reared and educated in Miltonsburg and during his early years was a farmer, but learned the blacksmith trade, which line of work he followed during the war, after which he resumed farming. He volunteered for service in the Civil war, joining the One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the close of hostilities. A democrat in his political views he never sought public office, but the position of township trustee was forced upon him and he ably served for sixteen years. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and commanded the confidence and respect of his fellow-



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men. His death occurred December 9, 1926, at the age of eighty-five years. Mary O. (Yunkes) Staudt was born near St. Joseph, Missouri, October 8, 1844, and was a daughter of Philip and Magdaline (Oblinger) Yunkes, who were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, whence they came to this country in a very early day, settling in Monroe county, Ohio. Mrs. Staudt died December 17, 1926, at the age of eighty-two years.

John W. A. Staudt, the oldest of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, of whom eight are living, was educated in public and private schools in Miltonsburg, in a county normal school and in the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school, which vocation he followed for twelve years in his home county. In 1891 he entered the life insurance business as a solicitor for the New York Life Insurance Company, with which organization he remained three years, and later was for one year with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. In February, 1898, he became an agent for the Royal Union Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, and in the following year was made state agent for Ohio, which position he has held to the present time, being the first and only state agent that company has ever had in Ohio. Prior to Mr. Staudt's appointment, the company had not done much business in this state, but under his capable and successful management it now has a business here of approximately eighteen million dollars, a condition which stands in marked evidence of the ability and effectiveness of his service during the years that he has had charge.

On September 20, 1890, at Miltonsburg, Ohio, Mr. Staudt was united in marriage to Miss May B. Watters, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Clement A. and Amanda J. (Kline) Watters, both of whom were members of old Monroe county families, the Watters family being of English and Irish extraction, while the Klines were descended from German stock. To Mr. and Mrs. Staudt have been born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Pearl R.; Thurman Francis; Albert Raymond; Josephine Eulalia, deceased; Richard M., who died at the age of twenty-one years, just after graduating from college; Edward J.; Donald A.; Victor P.; and John Thomas. Thurman F. is a veteran of the World war, having served overseas with Battery B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth

Field Artillery, of the Thirty-seventh Division, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. Albert A. Staudt was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1918 and served as a second lieutenant on the "Mt. Vernon." Later he was transferred to the destroyer service, with headquarters in France, and was promoted to first lieutenant, with which rank he resigned from the navy in 1924. Thurman is a member of Canton Post of the American Legion and was elected second vice commander in November, 1927.

John W. A. Staudt is a democrat in his political alignment and has always shown a deep interest in public affairs. During the years 1890 to 1894 he served as mayor of Miltonsburg, and also was a justice of the peace for a number of years. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Canton Club and the Optimist Club, and his religious connection is with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. In 1887 he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, receiving the appointment from President Cleveland, through Congressman A. J. Warner, of the sixteenth district, but owing to illness was unable to accept it, to his deep regret. During the World war he took an active part in advancing all local war measures, being particularly effective in the various Liberty Loan drives. A man of sterling integrity of motive and action, he has always commanded the sincere respect of his fellowmen and no citizen of Canton is held in higher esteem.

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### EDWIN SIMPSON FERRALL

Among the energetic, enterprising and successful business men of Canton, one of the best known is Edwin S. Ferrall, owner of E. S. Ferrall Company, dealers in feed and builders' supplies. He is a man of wide business experience and has shown discriminating judgment in his management of the present enterprise. Mr. Ferrall was born at Carrollton, Carroll county, Ohio, on the 19th of June, 1881, and is a son of Junius C. and Emma M. (Simpson) Ferrall. His father was born December 6, 1851, at Carrollton, where he now resides, and his mother, born at Carrollton, July 11, 1854, is now deceased. The family originated in Ireland,

from which country Dominick O'Ferrall came to America during the sixteenth century.

Edwin S. Ferrall attended the public schools of Carrollton, graduating from high school in 1900, after which he studied civil engineering one year in Ohio State University. He then took a commercial course in Duff's Business College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after which he was with the Dannemiller Grocery Company, in Canton for awhile. Returning to Carrollton, he engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on until 1906, when he became a professional baseball player, spending that year with the team of Columbia, South Carolina, and in 1907 was with the Mansfield, Ohio, team of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League. At the close of the baseball season he acquired an interest in the Ohio Valley Grain & Feed Company at Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, with which he remained until March, 1909, when he sold out. Coming to Canton, he entered into partnership with J. C. Neely, under the name of William Barber & Son, which afterwards became Neely & Ferrall. In 1913 he sold his interest in the business to his partner and for the two following years was with the F. A. Downs Construction Company. For one year he was manager of the Carrollton Novelty Company, and in October, 1917, engaged in his present business, under the name of the E. S. Ferrall Company, at 320 Piedmont avenue southeast, Canton, where he has since conducted a well equipped and modern establishment, dealing in a full line of feeds and builders' supplies, as well as water-softener salt. He specializes in plastering material, such as metal and wooden lath and lime, and through his prompt service and painstaking attention to the wants of his patrons has won their confidence and good will—important elements in the successful conduct of any enterprise.

On December 1, 1908, at the home of the bride in Magnolia, Ohio, Rev. Schaeffer performed the ceremony which united Mr. Ferrall and Miss Mary Verne Beatty, who was born at Magnolia, November 30, 1880. She is a daughter of Wallen and Elizabeth M. (Holmes) Beatty, the former now deceased, while the latter, a native of Carrollton, Ohio, resides at 934 McGregor avenue northwest, Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrall have five children, namely: Emma Elizabeth, born in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, now a sophomore in Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania; Junius Beatty, born in Canton, a junior in the McKinley high

school; John Edwin, who died at the age of twenty-six months; Robert Simpson, a pupil in the Summit public school, Canton; and James Wallace. Mr. Ferrall is a democrat in his political affiliation, and is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, the Canton Automobile Club, the Builders Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce and is an associate member of the Canton Real Estate Board. He is a member of the First United Brethren church of Canton, of which he is general superintendent. He is very fond of outdoor life, fishing, hunting and touring being his favorite forms of recreation. He has evinced a genuine interest in the welfare and prosperity of his community, and all who know him hold him in the highest esteem for his splendid business record and his excellent personal qualities.

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#### ALFRED G. ALBRIGHT

Alfred G. Albright, proprietor of the Art Printing Company, at 134 Cleveland avenue northwest, in Canton, is a progressive and wide-awake business man and well merits the substantial success which is now his. Born in this city on the 1st of November, 1892, he is a son of Charles A. and Clara (Beltz) Albright. The family was founded in this country by his paternal grandfather, Charles Albright, who was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated, and from which country he came to the United States in the early '70s. He located in Canton, Ohio, where he is still living, and where he conducted a successful contracting business for a number of years, also serving for a considerable period as city inspector of streets. Politically he is a staunch democrat and his religious connection is with the First Evangelical church, of which he is a trustee. Charles A. Albright, who was reared in Canton, and formerly engaged in mercantile pursuits, is numbered among the prominent and public-spirited citizens here. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Trinity Reformed church. His wife was born in Canton, May 1, 1870, and is a daughter of the late Henry Beltz, a native of Germany, who became an early settler of Canton, and was for many years connected with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. To Mr. and Mrs. Albright were born six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Alfred G.; Edward,

of Canton; Russel, who died in infancy; Mildred, deceased; Dorothy; and Robert, of Canton.

Alfred G. Albright attended the public schools and Central high school, and then took a commercial course in the Canton Actual Business College, attending night sessions. When fourteen years of age he went to work for the Berger Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for four years, and then took a position as cost clerk with the Diebold Safe and Lock Company. Two years later he was promoted to bookkeeper, but after two years he resigned and engaged in mercantile pursuits and accounting. In September, 1917, Mr. Albright enlisted in the United States army for service in the World war. He was appointed a quartermaster sergeant, but later resigned and applied for assignment to a combat outfit. He became a member of Company C, Three Hundred and Eighth Field Signal Battalion, with which he served fourteen months overseas. He fought in the battle of the Aisne-Marne, followed by the battle of Oise-Aisne, and was afterwards in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He suffered no injury aside from being gassed, and was not invalided. He was honorably discharged in August, 1919.

Mr. Albright now does a general line of printing, under the name of the Art Printing Company, though specializing in ruling, fine stationery and special copper engraving, and in the latter department has introduced an altogether new line of art and novelty calendars. He has also established another feature, which should meet with the approval and appreciation of the public, having employed a well known authority on family crests, coats-of-arms and Scotch plaids, who will be at the command of anyone who wishes services of this kind, and who will also do family research work relative to these matters.

On July 3, 1920, in Canton, Mr. Albright was united in marriage to Miss Fedelia Kerns, who was born in Lancaster, Ohio, and is a daughter of J. F. and Mary (Miller) Kerns. Mr. and Mrs. Albright are the parents of a daughter, Miriam Evangeline, born August 4, 1926. Mr. Albright gives his earnest support to the republican party and has taken an active part in local public affairs, having served as judge of elections at various times. He was formerly a member of New Philadelphia Post, No. 148, American Legion, of which he was adjutant, and now belongs to Canton Post, No. 44. He and his wife are members of Lowell Reformed church,

in the work of which, as well as in the Sunday school, Mrs. Albright is greatly interested. Mr. Albright has been true and loyal in all of life's relations, is a successful business man and a worthy citizen, and all who know him hold him in the highest regard.

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### BURNEY W. SPRAGG

Under present-day business methods, accountancy as a profession has gained distinctive recognition and is regarded as one of the most useful callings to which a man can devote his attention. Burney W. Spragg, of Canton, is recognized as an expert and dependable accountant and auditor, in which capacities his services are in constant demand. Born in Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of October, 1884, he is a son of William E. and Margaret (Brant) Spragg. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin and was established in this country prior to the Revolutionary war. Mr. Spragg's grandfather, Caleb A. Spragg, was a native of Greene county and was a veteran of the Civil war. William E. Spragg was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1857, and after completing his education engaged in mercantile pursuits. He also was active in public affairs, served as treasurer of Greene county and was a stanch democrat in his political views. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred July 7, 1913, when he was fifty-six years of age. His widow, who now resides in Canton, Ohio, was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1859, and is a daughter of Kendell J. and Minerva (Spragg) Brant, who were pioneer settlers of Greene county. Her grandfather was of German descent, was a veteran of the Civil war and was a farmer by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Spragg were born three sons and two daughters, namely: Burney W.; Sarah, who is the widow of William Kent; Elizabeth; Wayne L., who married a Miss Keplar; and Brant. All are residents of Canton.

Burney W. Spragg was graduated from high school in 1903, after which he attended Waynesburg College. For a number of years he was associated with his father in business, after which he became a student with the International Accounting Society, of Chicago, and on the completion of his course in 1920, came to Can-

ton. He opened an office and has since engaged in business as an expert accountant and auditor and as a tax consultant. He has thorough understanding of the most intricate accounting systems, is a man of clear-headed judgment and keen discrimination, able to render a high type of service in his line, and has won a large and representative clientele in Canton and Stark county.

On December 12, 1905, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Spragg was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Martin, a native of that place and a daughter of Professor George F. and Anna (Blosser) Martin, of an old and prominent family of that locality. The father was for many years a leader in educational affairs of his section of the state, having taught in many of the schools, served as superintendent of schools at Greensburg and as county superintendent of Greene county. Mr. and Mrs. Spragg are the parents of two children, Margaret, born May 30, 1907, and A. Martin, born September 26, 1909. Mr. Spragg gives his support to the democratic party and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. During the World war he took an active part in the Liberty Bond and Red Cross drives. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 776, B. P. O. E., at Washington, Pennsylvania, and belongs to the International Accounting Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Canton Automobile Club and the Canton McKinley Memorial Association, while he and his wife are earnest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. A man of sterling character and clean life, he commands the sincere respect of all who know him and is deservedly popular among his associates and friends.

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### WILLIAM FREDRICK BURK

The W. F. Burk Company conducts a general garage at 901 Cleveland avenue southwest, which has become one of Canton's most popular automobile repair shops, due to the high quality of its service and the sound principles on which the business is conducted. William Fredrick Burk was born in Stewart, Athens county, Ohio, November 19, 1884, and is a son of William H. and Jennie I. (Meek) Burk. The family was established in this state about 1840 by Mr. Burk's grandfather, Samuel Burk, who

came from Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and located at Stewart, Athens county, where he engaged in farming, which occupation the family followed for a number of generations. William H. Burk was born in Stewart, December 28, 1861, and died December 24, 1926. His wife, who was born at Vincent, Washington county, Ohio, July 24, 1867, is also deceased.

William F. Burk received his educational training in the public schools of Stewart and Athens, after which he worked as a shipping clerk in a wholesale meat store in the latter place. At the end of six months he was sent out as a traveling salesman, but did not like that line of employment and entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, first as brakeman and later was promoted to conductor. After six years he abandoned railroading and for three years traveled over the eastern states painting stacks. From 1909 to 1911 he was engaged in house painting, and then became an apprentice at the automobile repair business in Athens. Three years later he embarked in that line of business on his own account in Athens, and also promoted automobile races until 1916. He then went to Cambridge, Ohio, as service manager for the Hannan Garage & Sales Company, with which concern he remained until September of that year, when he came to Canton as mechanic with the Canton Motor Car Company. In 1917 he became service manager for the Cashner Motor Car Company, later going to the Evans Motor Car Company in the same capacity. In 1921 he embarked in the garage business for himself, first occupying the Lippert barn on Schroyer avenue southwest, moving from there to Twelfth street northeast later. Subsequently he was located on Court avenue south, and in 1926 he came to his present location, where he has ten thousand square feet of floor space. The business is incorporated as the W. F. Burk Company, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, Mr. Burk being president and general manager, and the garage is well equipped for all kinds of repairs, though a specialty is made of automobile brakes and brake tests. Mr. Burk started brake testing several years ago in connection with the city authorities and makes all tests free of cost in the interest of accident prevention. He is a staunch believer in all safety first laws and enforcement of same. He has enjoyed a steady growth in patronage and has gained a well merited reputation for honest work, quick service and reasonable prices.

On October 4, 1910, in Athens, Ohio, Mr. Burk was united in

marriage to Miss Lena B. Musser, who was born at Rutland, Ohio, April 19, 1890, and is a daughter of James and Anna (Spires) Musser, now residents of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Burk are the parents of two children: Lola V., born November 13, 1911, who is attending the McKinley high school; and Charles L., born May 19, 1916, who is a pupil in the Clarendon avenue public school.

Mr. Burk is a staunch adherent of the republican party and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Loyal Order of Moose and the United Commercial Travelers. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Christian church, in which Mrs. Burk is actively interested in the missionary societies. Mr. Burk has worked hard for the success which is now his, and all who are familiar with his record hold him in high esteem for his business ability and his sterling traits of character.

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### CLINTON H. JOHNSON

A comparatively new, but thoroughly up-to-date and prosperous concern of Canton is Johnson Service, Inc., at 421 Cleveland avenue northwest, of which Clinton H. Johnson is the proprietor. This enterprise has proven a boon to automobile owners and its remarkable growth in popularity is unmistakable evidence of the high type of service which it renders. Mr. Johnson was born in Lansing, Michigan, on the 31st of July, 1893, and is a son of Henry F. and Nellie (Webb) Johnson. His father, who is of German descent, was born in Wisconsin, of which state his grandfather was a pioneer settler, locating there in the early part of the nineteenth century. He was reared in Wisconsin and northern Michigan and during his active life was successfully engaged in contracting and building, but is now retired and lives in Lansing, Michigan. The mother was born in Vicksburg, Michigan, and is a daughter of Charles and Martha (Arthur) Webb, who were from New York state. Her family, which was established in that state by her grandfather, Sheffield Webb, who was of English descent, a member of the well known Sheffield family of Sheffield, England, the ancestral line of which is traced back through many generations to the nobility of that country. Several of Mrs. Johnson's ancestors participated in the war of 1812 and her father was a veteran

of the Civil war, having run away from home at the age of sixteen years to enlist in a Michigan cavalry regiment, with which he served during the entire period of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of two children, Clinton H., of this review, and Vera, deceased.

Clinton H. Johnson received his educational training in the public schools of Lansing, Michigan, where at the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in a store, which line of work he followed for several years. He then turned his attention to the automobile business as an employee of A. H. Wilson, of Canton, distributor for the Cadillac cars, and on Mr. Wilson's death he continued with his successors, the Towell Cadillac Company, until 1925. On September 1, 1927, Mr. Johnson established his present business, under the name of Johnson Service, Inc., the function of which is high pressure automobile lubricating and all-round service for automobiles. He operates the most modern plant of the kind in Canton, equal to any in the state of Ohio, and utilizes ten thousand five hundred square feet of space, carrying the best equipment obtainable and employing eighteen expert workmen. Mr. Johnson gives his personal attention to the operation of the plant and insists on the most painstaking and thorough attention to the needs of his patrons, so that he has established a well merited reputation for absolute dependability.

On September 1, 1914, in Jackson, Michigan, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Fern Kinney, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Irving and Minnie (Piatt) Kinney, the latter now deceased. The family, of Scotch origin, went to Michigan from New York state, having been founded in this country by Daniel Kinney, who served in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children: Irwin H., who was born in Jackson, Michigan, July 15, 1915; Clinton Stanley, born in Topeka, Kansas, March 4, 1918; and William Webb, born in Canton, Ohio, October 18, 1922.

During the World war period Mr. Johnson was employed in advocating and improving the national roads through the state of Kansas, rendering efficient and appreciated service. In his political views he is independent, voting always for the best interests of the people according to his judgment. He is a member of Jackson Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arch Chapter at Jackson, Michigan. He belongs to the Canton Chamber of Commerce,

now serving on the membership committee; the Canton Automobile Club, the Ohio State Automobile Association, the American Automobile Association and the Shady Hollow Country Club. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton. He is a man of sterling character, sound business principles and courteous and affable manner, has made many warm friends since coming to Canton and throughout the circles of his acquaintance is held in the highest regard.

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### HOMER M. BOLENDER

Homer M. Bolender, a member of the Standard Printing Company, at 120 Fourth street northeast, Canton, possesses a thorough technical knowledge of the printing business, is a man of artistic taste and original ideas, and is meeting with very gratifying success. Born in Canton on the 22d of September, 1882, he is a son of Manias and Lydia (Miller) Bolender, who are referred to at length in the personal sketch of Mr. Bolender's brother, C. S. Bolender, on other pages of this work.

Homer M. Bolender received the advantage of a good public school education and when fifteen years of age started to learn the printing trade with the Repository Printing Company, and became an expert workman in all branches of the business. He was employed as a journeyman printer for about twenty years, and in 1924 acquired an interest in the Standard Printing Company, his partner being Angelo Curci, with whom he has been associated to the present time. They have a well equipped and thoroughly modern plant, in which they employ five skilled workmen, and they have built up a large and steadily growing business, doing all kinds of commercial job printing. Mr. Bolender is a member of Typographical Union, No. 219, of Canton.

Mr. Bolender was married on February 2, 1904, in Canton, to Miss Ella Murphy, a daughter of Andrew and Johanna (Kiely) Murphy, who were early settlers in Jefferson county, Ohio. Mrs. Bolender died February 29, 1920, leaving two children, Marie, the wife of Paul Aureden, of Canton, and Paul, also of Canton. On August 1, 1924, at Montpelier, Indiana, Mr. Bolender was married to Miss Laura Certain, who was born in that city and is a

daughter of Nathan and Mary (Cole) Certain, representatives of old Indiana families. Mr. Bolender is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of his community, but maintains an independent attitude in politics, always voting for what he considers the best interests of his city and county. A man of earnest purpose and clean life, his record has gained for him the sincere respect of his fellowmen and he is well liked by all who know him.

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### GEORGE ALMON KELLEY, M. D.

In the professional circles of Canton no man is more honored and respected than Dr. George A. Kelley, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine here continuously for thirty-three years. Natural ability, thorough training and long experience have combined to render him more than ordinarily successful in the treatment of human ailments and he has long stood in the front rank of the medical fraternity in Stark county. Doctor Kelley was born in Adamsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, January 27, 1858, and is a son of Walter and Selina (Kaemmerer) Kelley. His paternal grandfather, Walter Kelley, Sr., was a native of Westmeath, Ireland, whence he emigrated to this country early in the nineteenth century and settled in Muskingum county, Ohio, where he resided until his death, in 1830. He was well educated, became a civil engineer and followed that calling throughout his active life. His son, Walter Kelley, Jr., was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 16, 1826, received a public school education and learned the shoemaking trade, which he followed throughout his active life. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having joined an Ohio regiment for the ninety-day service during the latter part of the war. Politically he was a republican and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. He died in Burns, Kansas, in 1892, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife was born in Zanesville, Ohio, February 20, 1831, and was a daughter of Rev. Samuel and Catherine (Border) Kaemmerer. Her father, who was of German descent, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a member of the first class to graduate from Capitol University, in Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained a minister of the Lutheran church, in which capacity he served until seventy years of age. His first charge was at Zanes-

ville, where, in his early years of ministry, he served eight congregations in this city and contiguous territory, riding horseback to and from his various charges. He was highly educated, speaking English, German, Latin and Hebrew, and was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He died at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Selina Kelley died in Cleveland, Ohio, December 30, 1899, at the age of sixty-eight years. To Walter and Selina Kelley were born four children, namely: Kate M., deceased; Dr. Samuel Walter, a physician in Cleveland, Ohio; George A.; and Anna J., who resides in Los Angeles, California.

George A. Kelley secured his elementary education in the public schools of Muskingum county and of Alliance and then matriculated in the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1880. Locating in Wooster, Ohio, he engaged in the practice of his profession there for four years and then moved to Burns, Kansas, where he practiced for eleven years. In 1895 he came to Canton, where he has practiced to the present time and has gained a wide reputation as an able and dependable physician. For the past twenty years he has been a member of the medical staff of the Aultman Hospital.

On March 14, 1886, in Wooster, Ohio, Dr. Kelley was united in marriage to Mellie S. Speelman, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of W. D. and Maria Barrett. Dr. and Mrs. Kelley are the parents of two children. Roger Barrett, who was born at Burns, Kansas, April 23, 1888, and married Mary Stolzenbach, is a civil engineer by profession and for many years was assistant city engineer of Canton. Martha, who was born in Burns, Kansas, September 21, 1890, is the wife of Emery E. Barr and they reside in Brooklyn, New York. In his political views, the Doctor is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Security Benefit Association. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Kelley is a charter member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society and is very active in church work, having taught a class of three hundred members in the Sunday school for twelve years. She is also a member and president of the auxiliary to the staff of Aultman Hospital and belongs to the Canton Wom-

an's Club. Dr. Kelley maintains professional affiliation with the Canton Medical Library Association, of which he is past president; the Stark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Kindly and sympathetic in his attitude toward the sick and suffering, and possessing the valuable faculty of inspiring confidence in his patients, he has been a welcome visitor in thousands of sick rooms, where it has been his privilege to bring surcease to suffering and to prolong life. Because of his splendid record as a physician, his high type of citizenship and his sterling character he commands unqualified respect and esteem and is regarded as one of Canton's representative professional men.

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### HERMAN EDWARD MÜELLER

The Mueller family, of which Herman E. Mueller is a worthy representative, has for many years been identified with the plumbing and heating business in Canton and the present firm, the H. E. Mueller Company, is one of the best known and most reliable plumbing and heating concerns in Stark county. Mr. Mueller was born in Canton, December 20, 1883. His father, Herman Mueller, was born in Constance, Baden, Germany, where he was reared to manhood, securing a good public school education. On coming to this country he located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company. He accompanied that concern on its removal to Canton and for a number of years worked in its plant here as a machinist. He was a skilled craftsman, intimately familiar with the construction and mechanism of safes and locks, and to him also belongs the distinction of having been the first skilled workman to engage in the plumbing and heating business in this city. In this latter enterprise he attained distinctive success, building up a large business, founded on good work, fair prices and honorable methods. He was a republican in his political views and showed a keen interest in everything pertaining to the progress and prosperity of his adopted city. His death occurred in 1885. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Moster, was a native of Kentucky, and of German descent, the family having been established in this country by her grand-

father. To Mr. and Mrs. Mueller were born four sons and three daughters, namely: Mrs. Mary Eckhart, of Columbus, Ohio; Bertha, the wife of Grover C. Stoffer, of Canton; Anna, the wife of William C. Milligan, of Akron, Ohio; Albert C., who married Miss Verna De Ville and lives in Canton; Joseph C., who married Maud Balmer and lives in Canton; Herman, deceased; and Herman E., of this review.

The last named was educated in the public schools of Canton and at the age of fifteen years started out to earn his livelihood, serving an apprenticeship to the plumbing and heating trade with W. D. Theobald & Company. Mr. Mueller became a skilled workman in every branch of the business and after completing his apprenticeship worked as a journeyman for twelve years. He then engaged in the plumbing and heating business on his own account, in which he met with very satisfactory success, following that line until the fall of 1925, when he sold out and moved to Tampa, Florida. He remained there during the "boom" period and in 1927, when financial depression struck Florida, he returned to Canton and bought his former business, in which he has since been engaged. In addition to this he is the sole distributor in Stark county of the Iron Fireman, an automatic coal burner, a new and highly specialized labor-saving device, which is being well received by the public and in the sale of which Mr. Mueller is meeting with very gratifying success. He has a large and well equipped shop and is prepared to promptly and efficiently handle any size or kind of a job in his line. While in Tampa, Mr. Mueller was engaged in the automobile business. He was also one of the original stockholders of the Superior Sheet Steel Company, of Canton, one of the large and substantial industries of this locality.

On October 9, 1905, in Canton, Mr. Mueller was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bessie Coulter, who was born in Pennsylvania and is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Clemens) Coulter, of an old and prominent family of Harrison county, Ohio. Mrs. Mueller is a member of the Canton Women's Club and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Master Plumbers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller are the parents of a daughter, Virginia Alice, born on June 13, 1907. In his political views Mr. Mueller is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Tampa (Fla.) Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Canton Lodge, No. 68, B. P. O. E.; the Lakeside Shrine Club, the Ohio Master Plumb-

ers Association, the National Master Plumbers Association and the Canton Builders Exchange. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been active in local public affairs and during the World war took a leading part in the various drives and other war measures. Mr. Mueller is essentially a self-made man, his success in life being the legitimate result of his determined efforts along right lines, and during the entire period of his business career here he has commanded the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen, while, socially, he has enjoyed a well deserved popularity owing to his kindly and courteous manner and his splendid personal qualities.

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### JOHN WYNN, JR.

John Wynn, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Edgefield Coal Company, of Canton, has led an industrious life and is numbered among Stark county's active, enterprising and successful business men. Born at Yellow Creek, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 12th of January, 1887, he is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cock) Wynn, who were natives of England, the father having been born at Newcastle, where they were married. In 1880 they came to the United States with their one child and located at Salinesville, Ohio. During his residence in this state Mr. Wynn has been engaged in the coal mining business and is now one of the directors of the Edgefield Coal Company. He is a republican in politics and was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic church. To him and his wife were born three sons and three daughters, of whom John is the youngest son. The mother died in Canton on March 20, 1912.

John Wynn received his educational training in the public schools at Malvern, Carroll county, Ohio, and Ohio Northern University, from which he was graduated in electrical engineering in 1909, the late Senator Willis having been one of his instructors. He then took up the profession of civil and mechanical engineering, which he followed until 1915, when he became connected with the Stark county tax board as an appraisal expert, in which capacity he served until 1917, when he organized the Edgefield Coal Company, of which he became secretary, treasurer and general man-

ager and so continues. Their mines are located near Waco, on the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, about two and a half miles from Canton, and about one hundred and twenty-five miners are employed, the output being practically all sold locally. Mr. Wynn has given his undivided time to the development of this business, in which he has shown sound judgment and has been very successful.

On November 24, 1911, in Canton, Mr. Wynn was united in marriage to Miss Loretta A. Hena, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Joseph and Augusta Hena. Her father, an early settler of Canton, died at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Wynn are the parents of four children, Dorothy, Loretta, Herbert and John, Jr. In his political views Mr. Wynn is a republican and at all times has shown not only an interest in public affairs but also a readiness to cooperate in all movements for the advancement of the general good. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and the Chamber of Commerce. During the World war he supported all Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and was drafted for military service, but was exempted, as his mining operations were regarded as more essential. Prior to the war he has served as engineer on tax maps and as city engineer in 1913-14. A man of splendid character and substantial worth, loyal and true to every obligation of citizenship, he has proven well worthy of the respect and esteem in which he is held throughout his community.

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#### OSCAR J. VAN DORSTEN, D. D. S.

Dr. Oscar J. Van Dorsten, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Canton for nearly thirty years, is uniformly accorded a foremost place among the capable and reliable members of the profession in Stark county. The Doctor was born at Navarre, Ohio, September 22, 1871, and is a son of Harmen and Clara (Beazel) Van Dorsten, both of whom are deceased. Harmen Van Dorsten, whose father was a native of Holland, was born at Navarre, where his father had settled on a farm on his arrival in this country. He was reared and educated there and spent practically his entire life on that farm. Politically he was an

ardent republican for many years and he was one of the early advocates of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. His religious membership was with the United Brethren church. His wife, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where her family had long been established, lived to the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dorsten were parents of three sons and two daughters: Frank, who lives in Los Angeles, California; Oscar J.; Bertha, the wife of John Fohl, living near Middlebranch, Stark county; Alvin, who is the county auditor of Stark county and lives in Canton; and Elsie, who is the widow of Henry Muckley and lives in Canton.

Oscar J. Van Dorsten received his education in the public schools at Navarre and spent his early life on his father's farm. He entered the dental school of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1899, and at once engaged in the practice of his profession in Canton, where he has resided continuously since. He has nicely furnished and well equipped offices in the Brant building and during almost three decades that he has been located here has commanded his full share of practice.

Dr. Van Dorsten was married, at Navarre, Ohio, to Miss Eva Corl, a native of that place and a daughter of James M. and Almyra (Wolf) Corl, of whom the former was born at Navarre in 1846 and is still living. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served three years as a member of the One Hundred and Seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Dr. and Mrs. Van Dorsten have become the parents of five children, Clyde, Dorothy, Mildred B., deceased, Grace and Ruth.

Dr. Van Dorsten is a republican in his political alignment, while his religious connection is with the First United Brethren church. He is a member of Canton Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Lilly Lodge, K. P., and is a director and ex-treasurer of the Canton Pythian Castle Company. He is a member of the Canton Dental Society, the Stark County Dental Society, the Ohio State Dental Society and the American Dental Association, being at this time president of the first-named organization. He concentrates his efforts and attention upon his chosen life work and his thoroughness and skill have carried him steadily forward, being rewarded by an excellent practice.

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